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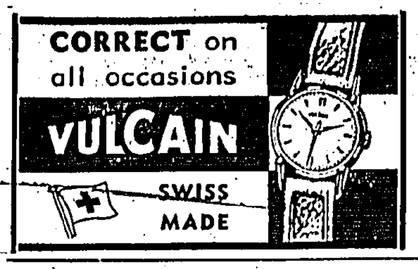

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MacArthur Hero's Farewell

Tokyo, Apr. 16.

General MacArthur left here early this morning for the United States. He took a hero's leave of the nation he first conquered and then ruled for five and a half years.

There was no outward sign that the six-foot, 71-year-old former Supreme Commander had been summarily dismissed as his giant Constellation aircraft rose into the grey, early morning sky over Tokyo a few minutes after 7 a.m. local time.

Escorting the plane were 18 fighters and three Superfort bombers. And still ringing in General MacArthur's ears were the cheers of 500,000 Japanese who had bowed him along a rain sodden 10-mile windy route to the airport where diplomats and Service officers of 15 nations and. the entire Japanese Cabinet had waited on the tarmac since dawn to bid him farewell.

With General MacArthur were attractive Mrs Jean MacArthur and their 13-year-old son, Arthur, who has never visited the United States.

Before they headed for America's west coast and the heat and fever of a great national political debate, Mrs MacArthur received a bouquet of flowers from Lieutenant Mavis Lay of the Women's Australian Army Corps.

It was presented on behalf of the British Commander, Lieutenant-General Sir Horace Robertson.

General MacArthur stayed in Australia during the early days of the Pacific war when, as Mrs MacArthur told General Robertson, she ran her first home. They had previously lived in a Government staffed house in the Philippines.

Many hundreds of American and other United Nations Servicemen on leave from Korea turned out to see their former Supreme Commander leave Tokyo.

While a salute of 19 guns boomed over the field and guards of honour stood rigidly to attention, one unshaven GI just back from the front turned the Biblical proverb and commented, "Looks as though he's more honoured by the people he defeated than his own."

General MacArthur's departure from Japan had really begun a little earlier when he and his family stepped out of the white walled American Embassy and into a gleaming black Cadillac. Other cars were lined

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Will Address Congress On Thursday

Washington, Apr. 15.

Gen. MacArthur plans to fly directly to Washington from San Francisco early on Thursday morning and probably will address a joint meeting of the Congress on Thursday afternoon, Republican Representative Joseph Martin announced today.

Rep. Martin said Gen. MacArthur's exact arrival time in Washington was not set as yet. But he added that a "report will be made in the Congress" on Monday to arrange a joint meeting of the House and Senate at 5.30 p.m. GMT on Thursday (1.30 a.m.; HK Summer Time Friday).—United Press.

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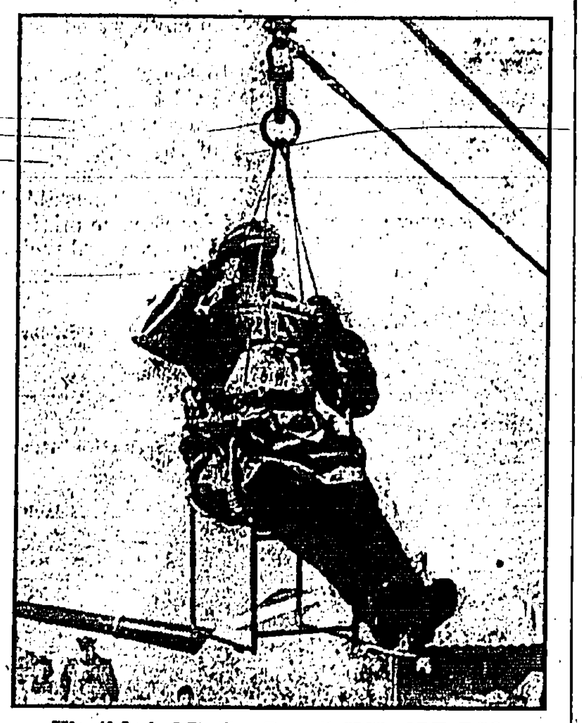
The Admiral Goes Aboard



Vice-Admiral Sir Guy Russell, KCB, CBE, DSO, new Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Navy's Far East Station, is pictured here as he swings from HMS Cockade by jackstay transfer to the light fleet carrier, HMS Theseus, during a recent visit to his ships in the front line of the Korean naval war.—AP Picture.

OIL REFINERY CLOSES DOWN

Teheran, Apr. 15.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's vast refinery at Abadan, the world's largest, was closed down today after renewed activity by pickets surrounding the strike-bound plant.

The Oil Company announced tonight that a few American families living at Abadan had asked to be evacuated. In view of the tense situation, the Company had agreed to the requests.

The evening newspaper Keihan tonight reported that a general strike in Abadan had forced the refinery to close. But there was no confirmation of this from the Oil Company.

The newspaper added that a Persian Government spokesman had said that the Government was considering "whether to declare the strike legal or not".

About 30,000 people were said to have stopped work.

Two people were killed and several injured in yesterday's disturbances at Isfanhan, Persia's third largest city, 220 miles south of Teheran.

The Minister of the Interior, General Fallullah Kahedi, told the Majlis (Lower House) that the police had opened fire during a demonstration in sympathy with the oilfield workers.

Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the whole of South Persia. Armoured cars have been sent to the oilfields.

Telephoned reports from Abadan today said that the Company was accepting no more orders from incoming tankers. But loading of outbound tankers was still going on.

In a counter-move against continued demonstrations the police were reported to have taken over a hostel used by striking apprentice as their headquarters.

Other reports from Abadan said agitators, believed to be Communists, had incited a demonstration of about 15,000 people there yesterday.

NO AGREEMENT

The newly appointed Governor-General of Khuzistan Province, "Strong Man" Shahbachti, arrived in Abadan today and discussed the situation with the Oil Company executive, Mr Eric Drake.

Meanwhile, a Government spokesman in Teheran said that an agreement had been reached at last night's talks between representatives of the workers and the Company. But it was hoped that with General Shahbachti's arrival at Abadan, accompanied by a three-man Government delegation, the Company would favourably consider the labour demands.

An official announcement said that the Shah of Persia's doctors had recommended that he should go abroad for an examination which would decide whether an operation for his continuing appendix troubles was necessary. A special Council of physicians had met the Shah last night.

The Shah, who has been suffering from appendix troubles for some weeks, now has [illegible]

N. Koreans Make Peace Proposal

WARSAW MANIFESTO AS SUGGESTED BASIS

Seen As Propaganda Move

Lake Success, Apr. 15.

Most United Nations diplomats today received with reserve the news that North Korea had dispatched a peace offer to the world organisation. Many Western diplomats agreed, on the basis of available information, that the Pyongyang offer was not acceptable and was intended mainly as a propaganda move.

The telegrams which, according to a Communist broadcast, the North Korean Foreign Minister, Pak Hon-yong, sent to the UN Secretary General, Mr Trygve Lie, and the Security Council President, Mr Daniel van Balluseck of the Netherlands, have not yet been received here. United Nations officials said it might take another 24 hours.

Members of the Arab-Asian combination, which held an extraordinary two-hour meeting here this morning, were just as unwilling to comment on the alleged peace offer as were delegates of countries with troops in Korea. But the spokesman for the group announced that the Asian delegations were in "hour by hour contact" with their governments.

The Asiatic group was meeting in a previously-scheduled conference and did not receive word of the Pyongyang offer untill the last minutes of the gathering. The United States delegation refused to comment officially on the matter until the State Department in Washington had had time to study the strangely-couched North Korean offer.

The North Korean broadcast, as monitored in Tokyo this morning, called for settlement in Korea on the basis of proposals adopted by the Prague peace conference last year. But observers here believed Pyongyang was referring to the November 23, 1950, manifesto issued at the end of the Warsaw peace conference. This manifesto called for, among other things, settlement of the Korean war by the Security Council with the presence of a Chinese Communist delegation. Diplomats noted, however, that the Warsaw manifesto also called for cessation of hostilities and pointed out that one of the keys to the North Korean proposals would be clarification as to timing of the steps suggested by Pyongyang. If ceasefire were to be the first step, then the proposal could become the basis of discussions.

The Korean offer also was full of such obviously unacceptable proposals as condemnation of the United States and the Republic of South Korea for their aggression against North Korea. The whole philosophy of the United Nations in intervening in Korea was based on the premise that it was North Korea, anti later China, who committed aggression.

STARTING POINT?

Some delegates felt, however, that the Korean offer may become a starting point for serious negotiations leading to possible settlement of the Korean war. It was recalled the UN Secretary-General Mr Trygve Lie, had been thinking some time ago of a peace formula directed to North Korea instead of China that would permit a settlement for all concerned. One important factor United Nations diplomats wished to see clarified in the North Korean peace bid was whether withdrawal of all foreign troops referred as well to the so-called "Chinese volunteers" who are now massing for a spring offensive against the United Nations forces. It was recalled that earlier China had indicated its "volunteers" would be included in such a withdrawal. Clarification on this point, observers said, would put the Pyongyang offer in a new light.

It was not immediately clear what action would be taken on the North Korean proposals. The Secretary-General or the President of the Security Council or one of the delegations could place the North Korean communication on the Council's agenda. It could be referred to the Good Offices Committee.

The Asian group meanwhile continued to study the possibility of a new peace plan.—United Press.

PEKING ATTITUDE

London, Apr. 15.

China said today that the dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur meant nothing and China must continue to support the North Koreans.

A New China news agency dispatch from Peking, monitored in London, said: Reporting that the bombing of Chinese territory by American planes continued after General MacArthur's dismissal and [illegible] aggression, the Peking People's Daily writes today that for this reason the Chinese people cannot relax in their efforts in the slightest way but must unswervingly strengthen the movement to resist aggression and to aid the Korean people.

"They must resolutely support the Korean People's Army and the Chinese people's volunteers in resisting the attacks of the American invaders so as to bring about their complete defeat.

The paper said that "on April 12 the day following the dismissal of General MacArthur the American aggressors again sent over 70 planes to kill peaceful Chinese people by bombing Antung and its suburbs."

"This proves that the American gangsters have not the least intention of withdrawing and that they are stretching out the demoniac hand of aggression each day in order to extend the area of the killing.

"It is clear therefore that the replacement of MacArthur by Ridgway is nothing but an attempt by Truman to shift the responsibility of the failure of the war of aggression in Korea and to cover up his plot for a continuation and expansion of the war."—Reuter.

New Empire Div. In Korea Soon

(From Edward Howat)

Korea, Apr. 15.

The long-awaited Empire Division will be formed and fighting in Korea in a few weeks.

It will include Englishmen, Scots, Australians, Canadians, New Zealanders and Indians and will probably be commanded by a British General.

The division will tie together all Empire troops in Korea including the Canadian Brigade and British troops coming to replace the Middlesex and Argyll and Sutherland Highlander Battalions.

British Officers who have been long planning for the switch to the unified commander say that two things nearly wrecked the scheme: 1, the Canadians wanted to keep their Brigade; and 2, some senior American officers opposed the welding of Empire troops into such a big and powerful unit as a Division. But these problems have now been solved.

British troops, both officers and men, are thrilled with the plan. Said a Cockney private today, "Instead of being a lot of lost little brigades, we will be the best damn division in Korea."—London Express Service.

England Prays For The Sun

London, Apr. 15.

Prayers for sunny weather to aid the nation's farmers sounded through churches in this rain-drenched island today. They were suggested by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the two Primates of the Church of England.

The heaviest rainfall in recent history has brought a near-crisis in British agriculture. Thousands of acres of arable land lie water-logged and unploughed.

Many of the crops usually planted in the spring would not mature now unless the fields could be prepared and sown immediately.

Sir James Scott-Watson, chief scientific and agricultural adviser on the Ministry of Agriculture, was quoted today as predicting Britain's total crop production would fall about 20 per cent this year because of the wet spring.

The Air Ministry, which operates Britain's weather stations, reported there had been 15.65 inches of rain recorded in London since January 1.

This was more than had been registered in the first four months of any year since 1870 —when keeping of systematic rainfall records began.

Singapore Police Alerted

Bertha Hertogh Case Again

Singapore, Apr. 15.

The police were alerted for possible riots when 13-year-old "jungle girl" Bertha Hertogh's mother, ex-husband and nurse renew their fight for her custody in the Supreme Court here on Monday.

All police leave was cancelled and British Tommies were added to every police division, to be ready to deal with any disturbances over the case.

Last December a Singapore judge annulled the Moslem marriage of 13-year-old Bertha and a 22-year-old Malay school teacher, Mansoor Adabi, and awarded her mother custody in a suit brought by Che Aminah, a Malay nurse to whom Bertha was given when her mother was interned by the Japanese during the war. The Moslem population rioted and 19 persons were killed and 200 injured.

Both the teacher Adabi and the nurse Aminah appealed to the highest court. At the opening tomorrow, their lawyers are expected to ask for postponement because their chief counsel, Sir Roland Braddell, is still in the United Kingdom and is not expected to return for six weeks.—United Press.

From Wedding To Prison

Pontesbury, England, Apr. 15.

George Edward Gill 26, got married yesterday between courthouse and gaol.

At Gill's side—but not best man—when he married Eileen Jones, 21, was a policeman. He dogged Gill's footsteps when the newlyweds went to the bride's home after the ceremony to pose for photographs and cut the wedding cake.

Then the law took the bridegroom away to start serving a one-month sentence for riding a motorcycle without a valid licence and pilfering two bottles of motor oil.

The magistrate who sentenced Gill gave him one hour's grace to go through with his previously-arranged wedding. The policeman went along to make sure Gill delayed his honeymoon.—Associated Press.

Violent 'Quake Recorded

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

All seismographs in Japan recorded a violent earthquake about 1.30 p.m. GMT on Saturday. The Central Meteorological Observatory here reported the epicentre about 1,600 miles north-northwest of Tokyo, probably in the neighbourhood of Irkutsk.

The Observatory said that it was unlikely that an atomic explosion had occurred. They believed that it was an ordinary earthquake.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Britain's Grievous Loss

THE sudden death of Mr Ernest Bevin, so soon after relinquishing the office that placed heavy strains on his constitution over six historic years, will be deeply grieved not only in England where he was universally esteemed, by high and low, but all over the world where his natural charm and creative imagination made a host of intimate friends and admirers. Had Mr Bevin retired at the end of the last war, his name would have been remembered as one of the greatest in the formative period of trade unions in Britain. With that position he would have been well satisfied for improvement of the lot of the under-privileged was till then the aim to which all his enormous energies were directed. But he was destined for an even more important place in history. It is in his work at the Foreign Office, in the conduct of Britain's foreign policy during most critical years, that history will measure the stature of this great Englishman. Of all the Labour leaders, Mr Bevin signified commonsense and keen imagination. Those wholesome qualities endeared him to friends and reconciled him to political foes, and they gained him respectful hearing in all the vital diplomatic encounters which engaged him so intensively. Mr Bevin's most brilliant show of insight was, perhaps, his immediate comprehension of the significance of the Marshall speech at Harvard. It is not too much to say that the Marshall Plan sprang almost as much from Mr Bevin's practically-minded seizure of Mr Marshall's somewhat vague proposal as from the proposal itself. As much as any single man, too, Mr Bevin was responsible for initiating the great Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, one of the turning-points of post-war years. Britain's workingman John Bull, as he was once described by Mr Churchill, has gone. It will be long before he is forgotten.

That Radio Controversy

REVIVAL in Parliament of the controversy over the miserably limited range of Hongkong's radio transmitting station, perhaps not exactly to our surprise failed to achieve anything resembling an advance in outlook, much less a promise or a guarantee of an intelligent investigation of the pros and cons. When the Secretary of State for the Colonies resorts to fencing with questions by Mr Walter Fletcher by insisting naively that Hongkong's transmitters are powerful enough to serve the Colony—as if they could be otherwise unless they were not merely limited in range, but were stupidly conceived—an impression is given stressing the futility of knocking heads against brick walls. The statement was an improvement on an earlier assurance that the Hunghom transmitter was quite capable of catering to Kowloon residents, but it remained clearly indicative of either blank minds or closed minds in official quarters. The fresh demand for a substantial power increase in Hongkong's output, nevertheless, comes from MPs closely associated with the Far East and fully conversant with the China political situation. It is strongly supported by those in this part of the globe who believe that if Hongkong took its proper part in keeping up a steady flow of reliable information for China's benefit and effective counter-propaganda, the gain would be immeasurable. Official explanations that a service for China will shortly be relayed by a new high-power broadcasting station in Singapore serves but to rile the best-informed observers. Hongkong's position, on China's doorstep, cars close to the ground, offers an immense advantage. The basic need was further emphasised by Conservative MPs placing the potentialities of an expanded medium-wave service from Hongkong high against any remote-control short-wave system. Mr Griffiths denied the efficiency of such a project but it would have been more interesting to have his whys and wherefores.

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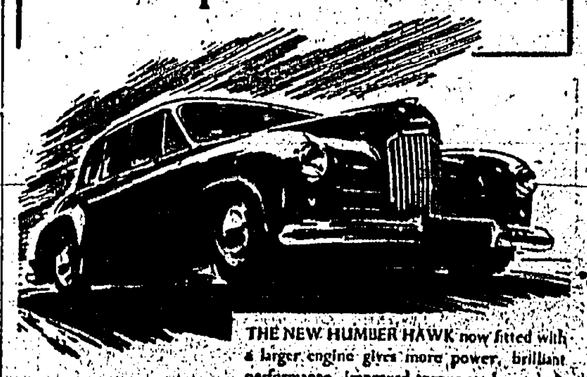

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Zizwe Zonke Mtetwa, snake-charming witch-doctor from Zululand, performing with Mamba snakes at Durban, South Africa. Zizwe is known as "Lord of the Snakes."—AP Photo.

Expansion Of War Would Lead To A World Conflict

Washington, Apr. 15.

Mr Dean Rusk, United States Assistant Secretary of State, declared today that an expansion of the Korean war would lead to disaster.

He said that an enlargement of the Korean conflict might result in a third world war while complete withdrawal from Korea would simply encourage the Communist aggressors to strike elsewhere.

As the Administration's top official directly responsible for Far Eastern policy, Mr Rusk spoke on a national television programme entitled "Battle Report."

Mr Rusk said that there was no present sign that the Communists intended to give up their aggressive determination to conquer all Korea and added, "But if we count their casualties and the forces they now have, they have committed at least 1,250,000 troops to their criminal effort and are right where they were when the first attack was launched.

"In China itself people are increasingly worried about sending waves of Chinese manpower into the fiery furnace of modern fire-power in a foreign land in a war hatched up by some one else," Mr Rusk said.

It was important that in the event that a general war did come, that the free world should have a clear conscience about who provoked it.

"At the moment of greatest danger," he said, "strength will come from a clear conscience, from the knowledge that we have done everything possible to prevent it," Mr Rusk said. —Reuter.

ONLY POLICY

Mr Rusk conceded that the Administration's Far Eastern policy was hard to explain. But, he added, it was the only policy that offered any hope of peace.

Mr Rusk did not refer directly to the dismissal of General MacArthur but discussed in detail foreign policy issues on which General MacArthur was at loggerheads with the administration. He said the action of both Russia and China in supporting aggression in Korea was criminal but "we would not solve the Korean problem" by attacking them but would simply start a world war. Even if the United States were to attack only one of the powers supporting aggression in Korea —Red China—it would involve the risk of a general war.

Mr Rusk said it was easy to advocate the United States to withdraw from Korea, but that too would lead to disaster. To give in to the Communist grab in any part of the world would only whet the Red imperialist appetite for more. It would be extremely difficult to work out a negotiated settlement in Korea that did not involve unconditional surrender on the part of the Reds but he voiced the hope that it might be possible.

Mr Rusk voiced confidence in four sources of democratic strength:

1. "Clear conscience — from the knowledge that we have done everything humanly possible to prevent it."
2. "Solid alliance of all free men welded together by their common understanding of the nature of the attack."
3. "Industrial strength . . geared to support our armed power."
4. "Strength . . from within the Iron Curtain itself as men revolt against tyranny and aggression." — United Press.

De Gaulle's Warning Of Danger

Rheims, Apr. 15.

General Charles de Gaulle today appealed for power to build France strong enough to resist both Soviet aggression and domination by its American ally.

The wartime Free French leader warned, in an appeal for votes in the forthcoming nation-wide elections, that danger once more threatened the homeland and he charged that the present "government of parties" had proved itself incompetent and incapable.

"From the point of view of security and independence the Soviet threat is increasing," he said. He added that France's national defences had not improved.

"Today we have neither more nor fewer active divisions, air squadrons, warships, trained reserves, arms in manufacture than we had last year.

"With the inferiority complex these defences give to our authorities, they rely on the Americans, hand over to them, notably in Morocco, bases and communications, place our forces under their chiefs without any guarantee that France will be defended with the necessary means and in good time and without our generals having any role in common strategy except that of executants.

"Thus, if circumstances arise, we risk being invaded by our adversaries and dominated by our allies."—United Press.

ATTLEE PRAISES BEVIN AS

Statesman Who May Well Have Saved Europe From Reds

London, Apr. 15.

The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, said tonight that Mr Ernest Bevin's immediate response to the American tentative proposal of the Marshall Plan in 1947 "may well have saved Western Europe from Communism."

In a broadcast tribute to the former Foreign Secretary, who died suddenly last night, Mr Attlee said that Mr Bevin's immediate response to the American Secretary of State, Mr George Marshall's, speech on June 5, 1947, hinting the possibility of the great European economic co-operation plan, was a measure of his statesmanship.

"If he had not acted as he did, it is possible that the American economic aid for Europe might never have materialised. His enthusiasm and welcome for that speech may well have saved Western Europe from Communism.

"The Russian rejection of Marshall Aid marked that country's definite refusal to agree to that co-operation that Ernest Bevin worked so hard to bring about."

It was largely due to his initiative that the Brussels Treaty and the Atlantic Treaty came into being, Mr Attlee said.

"He rightly regarded the establishment of the Atlantic Treaty as one of his greatest achievements. And history will confirm that judgment. Yet another example of his initiative was the Colombo Conference, which really resulted from discussions on the problem of dealing with the under-developed regions of the world.

"Mr Bevin always stressed the point that prevention of war was not enough. There must always be a positive policy of raising standards of living throughout the world so as to destroy the conditions in which Russian Communism thrives."

Mr Attlee said that Mr Bevin widened his experience at many international conferences and by much foreign travel. "I recall very vividly how, when at short notice he came to Potsdam, he showed an immediate grasp of the problems.

GREAT COURAGE

"As Foreign Secretary he had to deal with a Europe in ruins as the result of the war. He strove patiently and earnestly to try to preserve the wartime partnership with Soviet Russia but could not prevail against their intransigence.

"He was filled with a burning desire to see the foundation of peace firmly established.

"During the last year, when he suffered from ill-health, he fought against it, for he was full of hopes that the international atmosphere might improve.

"Despite acute pain, he forced himself to carry through an important conference, for his physical was as great as his moral courage.

"I have lost in him a good and loyal comrade and a very dear friend."—Reuter.

WORLD TRIBUTES

London, Apr. 15.

World statesmen today acclaimed the work of Mr Ernest Bevin for world peace in messages to Mrs Bevin, the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and in statements and broadcasts.

Reuter reports of tributes to the former Foreign Secretary, who died suddenly yesterday, included the following:

United States: President Truman: "Lovers of freedom the world over will share the sorrow of the British Government and people in the loss of a faithful public servant who was a valiant defender of human rights."

Mr Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State: "Mr Ernest Bevin was a gallant gentleman, a great Englishman, a fighter for the freedom of all men."

Canada: Mr Louis St Laurent, Canadian Prime Minister: "So long as there is freedom in the world the untiring services of this great leader of the Labour Movement to the cause of freedom in the war and his valiant work for an enduring peace will not be forgotten."

Australia: Mr Percy Spender, Australian External Affairs Minister: "I have learned to admire him as a steadfast statesman who, irrespective of the party, stood for the finest things in which Britons believed."

India: The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru: "The whole Commonwealth will miss his strength, integrity and understanding. He will leave behind him the memory of a great statesman who played an historic role in the post-war period."

EXEMPLARY LIFE

Sweden: The Socialist Prime Minister, M. Tage Erlander: "Up to the very end, he mobilised all his strength to fight for Britain's democracy and the Labour Movement."

France: The French Deputy Premier, M. Georges Bidault: "A stern upholder of our great human liberties in peace and war, he died at his work, true to his own exemplary life."

Italy: The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi: "I join in your grief at the passing away of Ernest Bevin, whose goodness of heart and nobility of soul I had occasion to know personally."

Signor Pietro Nenni, leader of the Communist-allied Socialist Party: "He was a great man who accomplished great things for the working classes.

Belgium: The Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Paul Van Zeeland: "One felt this was a man who wanted to die at his post. He came very near indeed to realising this remarkable ambition."

M. Paul Henri Spaak, Chairman of the European Consultative Assembly: "He fought relentlessly for the ideals of the United Nations and peace."

Holland: The Dutch Prime Minister, Dr Willem Drees: "His death is a great loss not only in Britain but in Europe and throughout the whole world."

UNTIRING DEVOTION

Western Germany: The Federal West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer: "Mr Bevin's life was untiringly devoted to duty and dedicated to the well-being of his fellow countrymen and peace among the nations."

Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League: "All Arab States undoubtedly regret his death and the loss of a prominent politician who has been known for moderation and a desire to reach understanding."

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Trygve Lie: "My old friend in war and peace, who was a champion of the cause of democracy . . . . he will be greatly missed."

In Israel, the bitterness felt for years over Mr Bevin's Palestine Policy was noticeably absent in newspaper appreciations of his life and work.

"The establishment of the State of Israel found Mr Bevin harbouring no resentments," the Jerusalem Post wrote.

Moscow: Moscow Radio announced Mr Bevin's death but made no comment.—Reuter.

MACDONALD TRIBUTE

Singapore, Apr. 15.

Mr Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General for South-East Asia, said in a broadcast over Radio Malaya today that Mr Ernest Bevin had understood early and supported firmly the aspirations of modern Asia.

He had played a notable personal part in making the historic decisions which gave India and Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma their freedom. He said that Mr Bevin had extraordinary perception and had forecast, when Mr MacDonald went to see him five years ago before leaving for Malaya, that South-East Asia would soon become a crucial centre of international affairs.—Reuter.

King Expresses Sympathy

London, Apr. 15.

King George declared today that Britons would remember Mr Ernest Bevin with gratitude and with respect.

In a message to Mrs Bevin, King George said: "The Queen and I have heard with deep regret news of Mr Bevin's death and send you our sincere sympathy in your loss.

"He spent his life in the service of his fellow countrymen who will remember him with gratitude and with respect." — Associated Press.

Fantastic Resolution By Senator

For Declaration Of War on Peking

New York, Apr. 15.

Senator Harry Cain (Republican) said today that he would call for a formal declaration of war against "all the enemy in Korea" next Tuesday on the floor of the United States Senate.

Mr Cain said he would introduce a resolution in an effort to focus public attention on President Truman's change of policy, calling for negotiation of peace "on the enemy's terms." He made the statement in a radio broadcast.

"I think because of what the President said last week there is good and sound reason on Tuesday of next week, after the week-end is over and people have thought about it, for a resolution to be offered in the Senate declaring war in Korea against all of the enemy of the United Nations, either fighting in Korea or using contiguous and adjacent territory from which to launch attacks," he said. "I intend to make such a resolution move."

Senator Cain's statement came in answer to a challenge by Senator William Benton (Democrat) during a "People's Platform" debate over the Columbia Broadcasting System. Senator Benton said Senator Cain or "some other distinguished Republican leader" should call "for this war against China instead of keeping ourselves behind the brush leadership or ideas" of General Douglas MacArthur.

"We've been saying on the floor of the Senate that we in Congress have the power to declare war and not the President," said Mr Benton. "If you want war with China, why don't you get it out in the open?"

Senator Benton said General MacArthur's successor, Lt-General Matthew Ridgway, "will have imposed on him the same decisions of frustration and futility which led to the removal of General MacArthur."

"We were going into Korea to repel and chase out the enemy. We have done no such thing.

Senator Cain also said: "If all the collective forces of free men everywhere can only resist an aggression in Korea they are foredoomed to humiliation and defeat and to just being wiped off this earth when it comes to a larger war against Communism."

Sources said there was no chance of such a resolution being approved by the Senate or House.—United Press.

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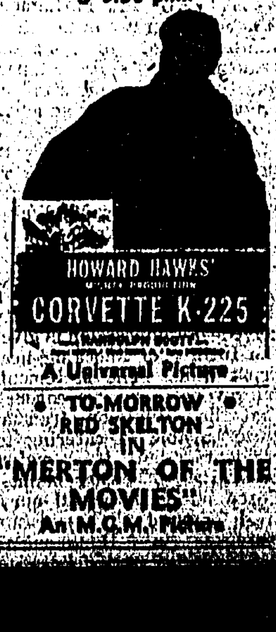

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Britain's Atomic Progress

London, Apr. 15.

The British Government today disclosed hitherto top secret information about its atomic energy research.

It gave a detailed description of the construction and composition of the larger of two piles built at the atomic research establishment at Harwell, Berkshire.

The statement revealed that this pile, known as BEPO, was designed by the British staff at a Montreal laboratory in 1945 and 1946. Its construction began in 1946 and on July 5, 1948, it was first charged with a "critical loading" of 28 tons of uranium metal.

After a first experiment in which power output was permitted to rise to 50 watts, there was a gradual work up to full power by Christmas, 1948.

Today's statement gives a long but highly technical description of the pile built within an outer case of reinforced concrete and steel with a lining of six-inch thick cast iron plates.

This outer case or shield was constructed as a complete box and took three thousand tons of concrete and 600 tons of steel.

BEPO is described as "a graphite moderate air-cooled pile" with a critical loading of 28 tons of uranium metal and a full uranium load of 40 tons.

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GRAPHITE CUBE

A concrete storage block can accommodate five tons of irradiated uranium cartridges that have been in the pile.

The reacting part of the pile consists of a cube of graphite with 26 feet sides through which pass 1,840 channels about three and a half square inches in cross section.

Bars of uranium a foot long are placed in the centre.

When the pile is running at full power, the radiation outside its protective shield is only double that existing when the pile is fully shut down.

Today's statement was issued after agreement between the atomic energy authorities of Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, it was announced.—Reuter.

Peace His Main Objective

Washington, Apr. 15.

President Truman said today that it "doesn't make any difference what happens to me" in the controversy over General MacArthur's dismissal, as long as "we win peace."

Speaking extemporaneously at a reception for Democratic officials and Party members, Mr Truman urged them to "convert Republicans" and others to the "truth and facts" about MacArthur's dismissal, which he outlined in his Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner speech last night.—United Press.

MacA DISMISSAL MAY COMPLICATE ARMS AID PLANS

Battle Looms In Congress

Washington, Apr. 15.

Administration quarters today voiced new concern over the probable fate in Congress of its impending request for $11,000,000,000 for foreign arms and economic aid.

They made no secret of the fact that President Truman's dismissal of General MacArthur, who opposes some aspects of State Department policy in the Far East, would raise a major obstacle to passage of the programme.

The request will include arms and economic aid and Point Four funds. The chief fear is that it will be fought on a partisan basis with not only cuts in store but consequent loss of American prestige abroad.

So far only a small part of the programme has cleared budget screening. The present target for submitting the programme to Congress is about the middle of May.

The major part of the request will be for arms for Western Europe. Limited amounts are to be asked for the Asian countries, including Korea, Indo-China and the Philippines and possibly Japan.

Under present plans, the Administration will seek $50,000,000 for arms aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces on Formosa. Republican proponents of more aid for Formosa are certain to focus their attacks on this part of Administration planning.

The MacArthur controversy will probably flare again on the Nationalist programme and the Administration's primary interest in European defences. The Administration plans to seek $8,000,000,000 of $11,000,000,000 for arms for foreign countries. This compares with $5,122,000,000 authorised by the last Congress.

WIDER PROGRAMME

Countries expected to receive arms help for the first time are Communist Yugoslavia and Spain. The Korean war and the threats posed in Europe by Russia and her satellites have prompted consideration of a broadening European programme.

In addition to the North Atlantic Pact countries in Europe, funds will be sought to supply arms to Greece, Turkey, Iran and other nations now receiving United States help.

Munitions for Spain, Greece and Turkey may be tied to new defence arrangements between those countries and the United States. There is little likelihood, however, that any of the three will be brought into the North Atlantic Pact structure.

The foreign assistance programme would also include $1,500,000,000 to continue United States economic help to Europe under the Marshall Plan, with limited amounts for the Asian countries. The last Congress authorised $2,700,000,000 for that programme. The Point Four request is expected to total $90,000,000—triple the current programme.—United Press.

VIETMINH ATTACK REPULSED

Saigon, Apr. 15.

Vietminh troops today attacked advanced French units in the Thai country northwest of the Tonkin Delta, about 25 miles from the Chinese border.

The French, recently reinforced by airborne troops from Hanoi, the capital, threw the Vietminh forces back.

In the Red River Delta, Vietminh units attacked three villages near Phuc Yen, about 19 miles north of Hanoi. Local militia, supported by French 105-millimetre guns, smashed the attack and dispersed the Vietminh.

French Union forces, other reports said, raided Vietminh entrenchments near Tammy, in South Vietnam about 25 miles northwest of Saigon, destroying a supply dump.

In other operations in South and Central Vietnam, French troops killed 72 Vietminh and captured 45.

American-built fighters again pounded Vietminh installations at two centres in South Vietnam.—Reuter.

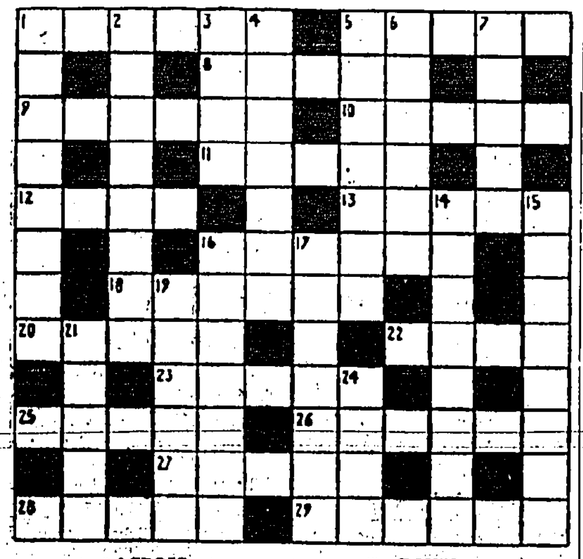
PEKING'S ENVOY TO MOSCOW

Moscow, Apr. 15.

The new Chinese Ambassador to Russia, Mr Chang Wen-tien, arrived here by air from Peking today. He was met at the airport by officials of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Mr Chang succeeds Mr Wang-Chai-hsiang, who returned to Peking some time ago to resume his duties as Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The new Ambassador, who is 51, was designated as the permanent Chinese delegate to the United Nations in January.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Itinerant trader.
5 Break.
8 Acquire knowledge.
9 Multitudes.
10 Attack.
11 Piquancy.
12 Fore-part of ship.
13 Elevate.
16 Forces open.
18 Foreigners.
20 Doctrine.
22 Row.
23 Class.
25 Proportion.
26 Sally.
27 Bird.
28 Resources.
29 Saturated.

DOWN

1 Travel document.
2 Eastern interpreter.
3 Charity.
4 Breathe.
5 Operation.
6 Supplementary building.
7 Bombard.
14 Aided.
15 Number.
16 Deplorable.
17 Steeps.
19 Host.
21 Make proud.
24 Kind of whist.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Prop; 7 Tepid; 8 Anon; 9 Stint; 10 Erudite; 12 Gall; 15 Amass; 18 Liar; 19 Polka; 21 Cling; 23 Wane; 23 Evade; 20 Brew; 29 Average; 30 Idle; 31 Toll; 32 Duped; 33 Duty. Down, 1 Merry; 2 Disdain; 4 Bites; 5 Pang; 6 Goal; 9 Star; 11 Image; 13 Able; 14 Keen; 16 Spade; 17 Scaly; 18 Lave; 20 Ostrich; 22 Waver; 24 Valet; 25 Bared; 27 Rook; 28 Wild.

Union Figures A Record

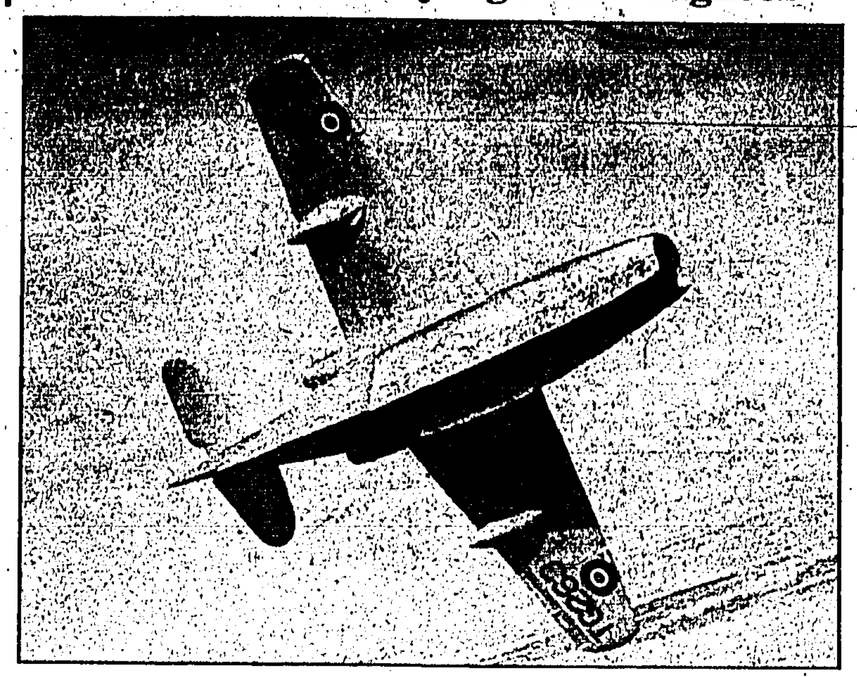
Canberra, Apr. 15.

Membership in Australian trade unions increased to 939,130 in the last quarter of 1950, the highest number in its history.

Union members unemployed reached a new low of 0.7 per cent.

There are 374 different unions listed in the figures on unionism released by the Commonwealth Statistician.—United Press.

Britain's Jet Flying-Boat Fighter



The world's only water-based jet fighter, Britain's SR/A1, shown during test at Cowes, Isle of Wight. Built by Saunders Roe, the flying-boat has a speed well in excess of 500 mph.—AP Photo.

Emergency Shipping Programme In US

Washington, Apr. 15.

A programme to meet the immediate need for Marshall plan shipping and to prepare a long-range plan for any future wartime shipping emergency has been initiated with the creation of the National Shipping Authority.

The new organisation, similar to the War Shipping Administration in the last war, was set up within the Government's Maritime Administration with Mr Charles M. McGuire as director.

The immediate task confronting the new agency will be to provide ships from the reserve fleet of World War II vessels to carry cargoes financed by the Economic Co-operation Administration.

But Maritime officials indicated that the agency will also prepare an emergency programme under which full wartime control of shipping resources will be ready in case any international crisis should suddenly develop.

They said the National Shipping Authority will ask Congress soon to legislate stand by power to control port facilities and all United States and foreign ships touching this country's ports. This will be similar to the ship warranty act which was in force during the last war.

The NSA will also provide the authority under which the United States will participate in the international shipping pool which the North Atlantic Pact nations are planning for operation in any "total emergency." The Maritime Administration is already represented on the North Atlantic Pact ocean shipping planning board.

FREIGHT INCREASES

In its immediate work, however, the NSA will carry out a shipping programme which was requested by ECA. The Marshall Plan organisation has been confronted with increasing shipping freight rates and a growing shortage of ocean-going vessels to carry low-paying bulk cargoes. It requested the Maritime Administration to supply ships from the reserve fleet and provided $56,000,000 to put these ships back in operation.

The ships under NSA will carry coal, sulphur, grain and other bulk cargoes financed by ECA to Europe and Southeast Asia, and on their return trips will carry strategic metallic ores needed for the stockpiling and defence production programmes in the United States. When legislation providing grain to meet the threatened famine in India finally clears Congress, the NSA ships will carry these cargoes.

Maritime Administrator Vice-Admiral Edward L. Cochrane emphasised that these ships are not intended to compete directly with private shipping. But he said it is hoped they will influence the overall shipping situation by decreasing rates.

As an example, Admiral Cochrane cited the rates for shipping petroleum. "Astonishingly high," he said. "Three times what they were in 1946." Dry cargo rates have doubled in the same five-year period, he said.—United Press.

Woman's Record Shark Catch

Auckland, Apr. 15.

A Mako shark, weighing 858 pounds, was caught today by Mrs Ernest Beaver fishing on the Cavalli Island grounds off Whangaroa, North Auckland. It is a record for a woman angler.

Mr Beaver, 54, a resident of Whangaroa, has been deepsea fishing only twice.

The Mako fought for four hours. Its length was 11 feet seven inches, its girth five feet four inches.—Associated Press.

UNIQUE COMPLAINT FILED

Lucknow, Apr. 15.

The Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, stands accused of insulting the Hindu religion, according to a complaint filed in court by J. P. Visharad, a pleader of Deoria, a town in this province.

Visharad filed his complaint under Section 295-A of the Indian Penal Code in the court of the Sub-divisional Magistrate of Deoria.

Accusing Mr Nehru of possessing an anti-Hindu bias, as reflected in his writings and speeches, Visharad charged him (Nehru) with "deliberately and maliciously", outraging his (complainant's) feelings with a speech delivered on March 4 last at Bombay on the occasion of the opening ceremony of a dairy which he had read in a section of the Press.

He claimed that Premier Nehru had ridiculed cow worship and cow veneration in the country and had thereby violated Article 48 of the Indian Constitution.

Evidence cited in the case ranged from the Vedas and articles by Mahatma Gandhi to the autobiography and other writings and speeches by Jawaharlal Nehru.

The magistrate, passing orders, said: "The various allegations cited pertain to the period of Mr Nehru as Prime Minister of India and even before that..... The complainant wants time to study some salient points of law..... The complaint shall be put up on April 30 when the complainant shall place before me his argument that this court can take cognisance of this complaint."—United Press.

Bomb Outrage Sequel

Damascus, Apr. 15.

The police announced today the arrest of five Palestine Arab refugees for participating in dynamiting the residence of the United States Minister in Damascus last month during the visit of Mr George McGhee to Syria.

The police added that their investigation did not reveal the cause of the act but they had discovered four of the accused refugees carried the dynamite in a motorcar to the Minister's residence. The police added that the four mentioned pleaded guilty but a fifth, Nawaf Mohammed Bodwani, had denied guilt.—United Press.

Australian Role In Aid For Asia

Sydney, Apr. 15.

The Australian Government has approved four proposals to help the technical development of South and South-East Asian countries under the Colombo Plan for co-operative development of that area.

This was announced today by the Minister for External Affairs, Mr Percy C. Spender. He said that the proposals were:

To make a gift of 3,000 reference books on technical, scientific and other subjects to Pakistan as an initial contribution to develop libraries in that country;

To send an Australian specialist in technical education to Ceylon;

To send a team of three Australian geologists to carry out surveys in the Gilgit area of Pakistan, and

To extend for an additional six months the services of a Western Australian Government horticulturist, who is now working in Pakistan.

The cost of this assistance, said Mr Spender, would be borne by the Australian Government.

A number of other projects designed to help these areas, he added, would also be completed soon. These would include a special school of Government administration at Canberra for 25 Pakistani officers and a finishing school at Cronulla, New South Wales, for personnel from Ceylon.—Reuter.

Senator's Attack On Britain

Washington, Apr. 15.

Another United States Congressman has sought to place on Britain's shoulders the blame for the dismissal of General MacArthur from his Far Eastern commands.

Mr Everett Dirksen (Republican Senator, Illinois), declared in Peoria, Illinois, that General MacArthur was dismissed because he was the only one who blocked America's "policy of appeasement toward Great Britain."

"Truman and Acheson are hatchet men who had to get rid of MacArthur to satisfy British critics who wanted General MacArthur muzzled," Mr Dirksen said.

He added that Mr Truman and Mr Acheson planned to hand Formosa to China in the next step of appeasement.

Mr Charles Dobey (Republican Senator, New Hampshire), said in an interview at Phoenix, Arizona, that he felt President Truman was justified in relieving General Douglas MacArthur of his commands.

He did not think that General MacArthur's removal would affect the war effort in Korea, but—America's standing in Japan was another matter.

"A great gap has been left in our relationship with that country," the Senator added.

At St. Louis, retired Lieutenant-General Robert L. Eichelberger, former Army commander under General MacArthur, said today that the bombing of Manchurian targets—a course advocated by his former chief—"could precipitate an all-out war."

General Eichelberger added he saw no ethical reason for not using Chinese Nationalist troops in Korea, but that he believed these forces were needed in Formosa where they now were.—Reuter.

Atomic Agreement

The Hague, Apr. 15.

Holland and Norway have concluded an agreement for co-operation in the field of atomic energy, it was announced here today.—Reuter.

Bernhard In Chile

Santiago, Apr. 15.

Prince Bernhard arrived here from Quilpue late last night after attending an equestrian exhibit at the Chilean cavalry school there.

The Prince had a free morning today and later attended a luncheon, given by the Board of Directors of the Jockey Club, and horse races including an event named "Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands". He personally awarded the trophy to the victorious jockey. The Prince was warmly greeted by the crowd when he visited the paddock.

On Monday, his last day here, Prince Bernhard will give a banquet for President Gonzales Videla. On Tuesday he will return to Santiago.—United Press.

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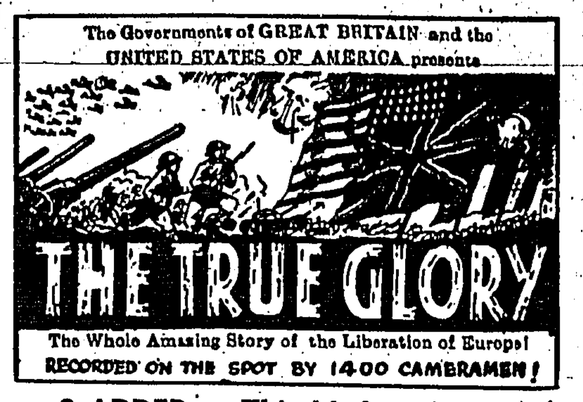

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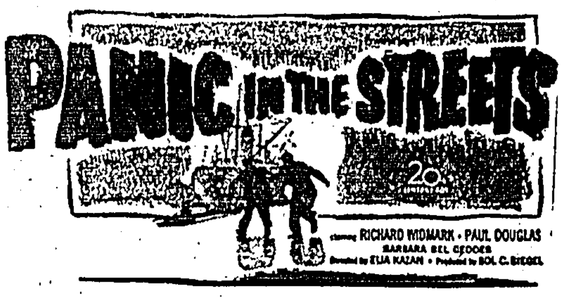

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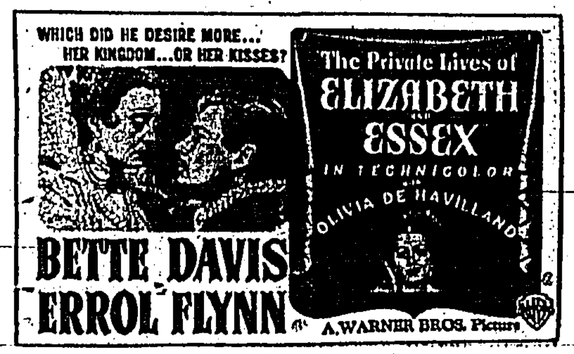

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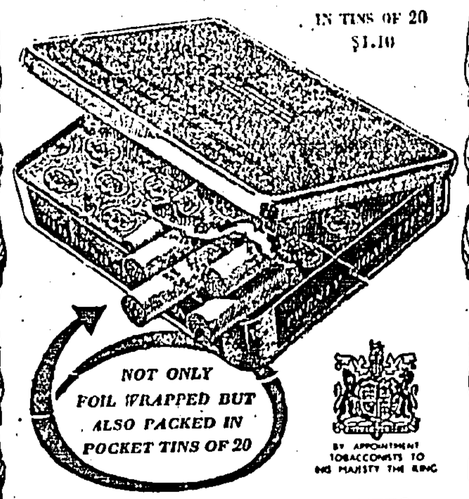

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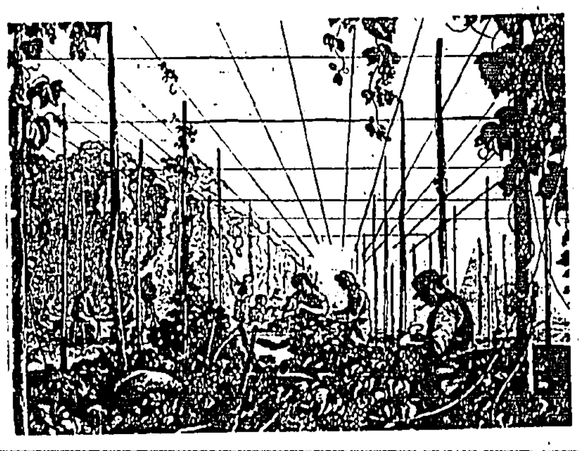

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HE BUILT A PRIVATE EMPIRE ON THE HATES AND FEARS OF MEN

EMPEROR ERNEST

By George Malcolm Thomson

ERNEST BEVIN was a typical self-made man of the capitalist era. He had the same gift of practical imagination as, in an earlier generation, was possessed by Paxton, the designer of the Crystal Palace. The only difference was that Paxton's materials were less durable. On the other hand, in Ernest Bevin's glass-house only one man was allowed to throw stones.

Bevin's path to greatness was not that of the ordinary capitalist, a being whom he despised and vanquished.

He chose the less conventional route to the high places which, like many men of his generation, he found more congenial to his talents: the way of agitation, propaganda, organisation. He was a superb manager of men; and men — their hopes, fears, prejudices, hates—men were the rungs of Bevin's ladder. Men the materials with which he built.

His powers of mind, by no means despicable, were secondary to his intuition and his strength of character. Nobody who has ever listened to Bevin addressing a mass meeting will be in doubt as to what is meant by demagogy or will ever despise so formidable and dangerous an instrument of power.

Air vibrated

THERE was no coherence of argument, there was little formal grammar, yet nobody for a moment could be in doubt of what the man meant. As he spoke, with a glance at his wristwatch every five minutes so that the violence and fury of the utterance might be punctually intensified, the air vibrated with his harsh, yet compelling voice, the platform shook with his passion, and the speech, like an emanation of the speaker, seemed to become alive and ponderable in the hall.

The presence of the man, so fiercely dedicated to his mission, so utterly wrapped in the oratory he was so carefully timing, was felt by every hearer, like a physical load which at the same time lifted up the heart.

This fierce and ill-formed rhetoric voiced the hard and ill-formed aspirations of Britain's proletarian uprising. It spoke for the ugly lives, the stunted streets, the longings that held so much envy and bitterness as well as so much that was unselfish. It also expressed the will to power of the man who saw in those longings his opportunity.

Last ounce

BUT oratory was not, of course, the only, or even the main, instrument by which Bevin sought his purpose.

He had the personality of a leader; he had a gift for organisation and a greed for centralised authority.

He was a cunning negotiator who could always convince those he represented that he had got the last possible ounce out of the other side—and, at the same time, convey that his clients were still being cheated and oppressed!

To a natural pugnacity he soon added the professional truculence of the trade union boss. Seeing the bulky figure, the jowl, the determined stumpy walk as he emerged from a conference, who could doubt that the "masters" had found their match, and maybe their master!

While other men of the same ability and the same fibre were building up commercial kingdoms, Bevin was creating an industrial empire. At the moment of its greatest extension it contained 1,300,000 subjects over whom Bevin ruled as the titular hired secretary, but in practice as an absolute despot.

Bargees' man

THE name of the empire was the Transport and General Workers' Union. Its dominion stretched from bargees to gravediggers.

It was an empire of workers, built upon the card vote and the readiness to strike at the drop of a hat, until Bevin shrewdly realised that, sometimes, it paid better to be conciliatory. The empire was as much a part of the liberal capitalist system as any cotton mill or iron foundry.

Over it Bevin's rule was supreme. Even when at last he left his office to join the Government, his power was handed over to a viceroy. Alone among the outstanding figures of the trade union movement, Bevin did not lose his hold upon his people when he left them for other tasks.

The foundations of the empire were laid at the street corners of Bristol at the beginning of the century.

To Bristol Bevin had come a waif from the West Country. He was born in 1881 at Winsford in Somerset, where his mother, a widow named Diana Mercy Bevin, a woman of character, had sometimes helped in the local hotel.

From a farm, where he was paid 6d. a week and his keep to do work he hated, young Bevin ran away to a job washing plates in a Bristol cafe; later he became a salesman of mineral waters at 15s. a week. On this pay he married his wife Florence, a Bristol girl of working-class stock. They had one daughter.

But the significant part of Bevin's career did not lie in selling lemonade. He peddled a more explosive commodity.

After a phase as an effective lay preacher at Poulton Baptist Chapel, he drifted into the Socialist movement and shocked Bristol by leading the local unemployed into the cathedral.

The Bishop, the Dean and the Chapter all took his side, and demanded that the town council act. Bevin had shown his quality as an agitator. Later he told how, at this stage in his career, he used to steal in order to eat. He did so with a good conscience.

Now he turned his gifts to good use in whipping in members for the carters' branch of the Dockers' Union, of which he himself was the first enrolled member. It was the beginning of a career of steady building up of trade unionism among the transport workers, in which Bevin was associated with an older and more polished leader, Ben Tillett, and which, eventually, through an era of strikes and savage unemployment, brought into being that octopus of industrial power, the Transport and General Workers' Union, with Bevin, its chief designer, holding the post of general secretary.

Dockers' KC

IT was in 1920 that the world outside the trade union movement began to take note of Bevin, the symbol of working-class intransigence who nevertheless concealed so shrewd a sense of realities.

In 1920, at a court of inquiry into dockers' wage claims, Bevin stated the case for the men with such skill, with such a mastery of his brief, as well as of legal formalities, that he became known as the Docker's KC. His argument lasted for 11 hours, spread over three days, during which the court became more and more crowded. The head of the court of inquiry, the late Lord Shaw of Dunfermline, deeply impressed, invited Bevin to his house for a friendly talk. In the end, Bevin won 90 percent of his demands.

A few months later, he went with other labour leaders to see Prime Minister Lloyd George, to tell him that 6,000,000 organised workers would not tolerate action against Soviet Russia either by war or by blockade.

It led to a bitter feud between the two men, for the Prime Minister accused the directors of the Daily Herald of concealing the fact that the Soviet Government had offered money to the paper. Bevin, a director, resented any imputation against his personal conduct and did not easily forget resentment.

General strike

WHEN the general strike threatened in 1926, Bevin, as one of the outstanding Labour leaders, was negotiating with Prime Minister Baldwin when Winston Churchill arrived with news of a printers' stoppage in the Daily Mail office. Bevin claimed later that this brought hopeful peace moves to frustration and precipitated the general stoppage.

When it was over, defeated, he thundered defiantly that the struggle was inevitable, the challenge had to be accepted. He would be no whiner, no apologist.

Events and ambition took him more and more out of the field of purely industrial struggle into that of high, and ever higher, politics. Upon the basic administrative ability of the man were now overlaid the quality of the policy-maker, the woolliness of the visionary, the monotony of the egotist. Few public men have been on such intimate terms with the first personal pronoun.

He upset them

WHEN war came in 1939 and disaster threatened in 1940, Bevin (who twice failed to enter Parliament) was the obvious choice as Minister of Labour in the Churchill Government. Whoever sat in the Minister's chair, Bevin would in fact be Minister.

He proved to be a great Minister of Labour, if not in all respects a good one. He put 25 millions out of a population of 46 millions into work of national service, an effort of mobilisation equalled by no other country.

Sometimes he surprised and upset his civil servants by impulsive plunges of policy. It is no bad thing for a Minister to startle his department, nor is it necessarily bad for him to disturb his Ministerial colleagues. Sometimes it seemed that Bevin sought to extend his suzerainty over the whole field of production. When others resisted this, they could conveniently be denounced as "anarchists" seeking to subvert a natural hierarchy of power.

'Stab in the back'

WARTIME events likewise strengthened in Bevin a suspicion of Communism with its roots in Red-fomented strikes during the thirties, which challenged Bevin in his own bailiwick. A "Communist plot" was very near to that darkest deed in the Bevin calendar of crime, "a stab in the back."

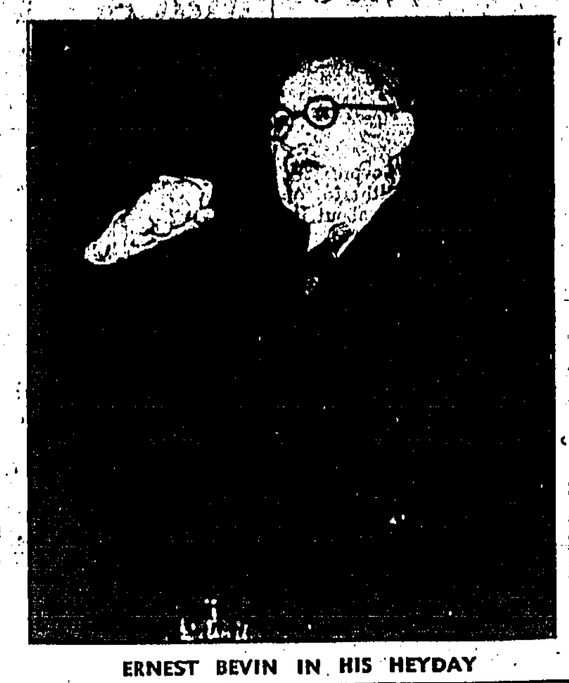
When Bevin, after the war, became Foreign Secretary, he was therefore amply warned of Communist wiles. To his new high office, anti-climax of his career, he brought all his stubbornness and "a vanity which age had inflated and disappointment not yet tamed.

True enough, the Foreign Secretary was crippled by the collapse of his government's domestic policy. Increasing ill-health, too, played its part. When every allowance is made, his career as Foreign Secretary brought him personal disappointment, the praise of his permanent officials, the dangerous approval of the Opposition and a steady diminution in public credit.

At the conference table, the old trade union negotiator met the spokesmen of a grimmer Socialist tradition. His aim was to clothe foreign policy in the respectable garments of social purpose. His achievement was to preside, with shrinking authority, over events which he could not control. In the end he lost the confidence of even the most loyal Conservative.

The big boss

RATHER than the strangely muted Bevin of these disillusioning last years, history will remember the robust tribune of the people—the union boss who realised that, with power, a boss must become a statesman. And, above all, the Minister of Labour who did not fall short of his country's expectation in his country's peril.



ERNEST BEVIN IN HIS HEYDAY

THE LONDON THEATRE:

TOOK WEST END BY STORM

By RONALD ROPER

London, Apr. 5

SHE crops up every now and then—the "rep" girl from the provinces who takes the West End by storm.

The latest star in the making to experience the peculiar thrill of this success is 18-year-old Geraldine McEwan, who two years ago was odd-job girl at Windsor Repertory Theatre. Her big chance came with the lead in "Who Goes There!" in which author John Dighton is even more rollicking than in his "Happiest Days of Your Life."

After her West End debut on the stage of the Vaudeville Theatre, Geraldine took six curtain calls—the gallery had kept chanting "Give us the new girl"—and then, with applause ringing in her ears and still breathless from excitement in her dressing room, she was told that Margaret Lockwood and Denis Price were outside waiting to congratulate her.

She has got as near as anybody of recent years to becoming a star overnight. In the words of one critic, "she is the most demurely delightful bundle of Irish mischief the West End has welcomed since the days of Peggy O'Neil."

The role of stranded chambermaid for whose favour a diplomat drifter fights her sweetheart Guardsman in a St James's Palace apartment admirably suits Geraldine's fetching comedy sense. That the script leads the audience on to situations absurd to the point of the impossible somehow proves no bar to highly diverting entertainment—all credit to Mr Dighton.

Opposite the new girl is Nigel Patrick, assisted by Frances Rowe, Victor Adams and Anthony Sharp.

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THE late Mr Shaw's similar disregard of probability and complete reliance on wit and dramatic effect are emphasised at the St Martin's, where three of his one-act comedies—"The Man of Destiny," "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets," and "Village Wooing"—have been produced by Miss Ellen Pollock as "Shavings."

The producer herself appears in the second piece as the Virgin Queen and imparts to it a strength which the others lack, though Griffith Jones upholds two roles and Karel Stepanek does his best with a Shavian Napoleon.

The fact that these comparative trifles are filling the theatre prompts one enthusiast to ask, somewhat prematurely, will Shaw live? Of the Shavings he says: "How much of their first-night freshness is due to Shaw and how much to the ebullience of Griffith Jones and Ellen Pollock is difficult to judge. But they remain as bright as Monday's wash."

★

AMONG the audience at the first performance in which Jack Buchanan took over the lead in "King's Rhapsody" from the late Ivor Novello's understudy were those who as mourners at Golder's Green had last heard some of the music played in a lilac-filled chapel.

Mr Buchanan, who has been on the stage for nearly 40 years and was a lifelong friend of Novello gave up other plans to fulfil a promise that in an emergency he would take the Novello role. The audience watched him gradually warm to his task, and in a curtain speech he paid tribute to the help and sympathy of the rest of the cast.

"There was a ghost on the stage for only the first scene," reported Alan Clarke. "After that the sense of strain among the actors, which even the audience felt, disappeared and the show swung into its natural rhythm."

Elizabeth Frank entirely confirms this impression. "I can see no reason why," she says, "with Jack Buchanan in the lead, "King's Rhapsody" should not continue to fill the Palace Theatre for another year."

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STRATFORD audiences can't afford to be squeamish these nights. Those who mean to sit through the whole of the Shakespeare sequence of four historical plays must be prepared to see Michael Redgrave killed and "resurrected" twice in a fortnight.

As King Richard he has already been murdered once. Now appearing as Hotspur in "King Henry IV" (Pt. 1), he again meets his doom. But admirers can be sure of a lively Redgrave in the role of Chorus in "King Henry V."

The current production, however, is mainly notable for the personal triumph of a young Welsh actor, Richard Burton, fresh from his American appearance in Christopher Fry's "The Lady's Not For Burning" (which, by the way, New York dramatic critics have just voted as best 1950-51 play by a foreign author).

Richard Burton's career is an unusual one. At 12 he took the name of the schoolmaster who adopted him from a family of eleven whose mother died early. By 16 he was on the stage. He read English and Italian at Oxford, served in the RAF and returned to the stage. His 72-year-old father and all his brothers and sisters are Welsh miners.

In "Henry IV" his wife Sybil also gets compliments in the role of Lady Mortimer. Burton himself proves an extraordinarily able Prince Hal and is by no means overshadowed by the liberal (for him) or theatrical nature of [illegible]

WOMAN OF THE WEEK

LADY OF THE LEFT

By EVELYN IRONS

THE Liberal Party have been split as often (and as noisily) as the atom: and another split seems to be going along nicely. For Lady Megan Lloyd George has been making contact with the Socialists—while her rival, Lady Violet Bonham Carter, is being wooed by the Tories.

Lady Megan, on vacation at the ancestral retreat at Criccieth Caernarvon has been entertaining the chairman of the Socialist Party Miss Alice Bacon, Mr Chuter Ede, new Socialist leader of the Commons, Mr Tom Williams, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr George Thomas, Socialist MP.

Although Lady Megan protested afterwards that nothing but tea was brewing at the confabulation people wondered if the Liberal left-wing Noble Lady's get-together with the Socialists was not in fact a riposte to what the party's right-wing Noble Lady was up to.

Fireworks

FOR on the heels of the news that the Tories had agreed to support her Lady Violet Bonham Carter announced that she accepted the invitation to be prospective Liberal candidate for Anglesey, and that was nearly 22 years ago there have been periodical rumours of her switching over to that party. Mr Herbert Morrison, whom she greatly admires, has vainly enjoled her to join him. But loyalty to her father, the force that kept her a Liberal, still does so.

She chides the Liberals for drifting to the Right—"a drift away from the old Radical tradition. I am a Radical, and proud of it." But it seems that she would split them asunder rather than leave them.

She is their deputy leader in the Commons: took charge for a month when Mr Clem Davies had his recent attack of 'flu.

To Paris

BY sticking to the Liberals she sacrifices any higher political ambitions she may have. It is hardly likely that the Liberals will be in office in her prime (she is 40 now), but she has been assured many times that her truculent brilliance would be such an asset to the Socialists as to raise ministerial rank. It is obvious where her sympathies lie ("I like to see these people tackling privilege").

And what an education she had for the Ministry she has never become!

From the age of six (until she was 20, her home was in Downing Street, first at No. 10 and then at No. 11 and then at No. 10 [illegible] sent incumbent is Mr Glenvil Hall, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

There should be fireworks in the Commons if these two women, both vice-presidents of the Liberal Party, are elected next time. In them the feud that existed between their fathers, Asquith and Lloyd George, flares anew.

There is a story, told in several variants, that when Lady Megan was quizzed about the Liberal Party colour she answered, "I don't know what it is — and I don't care, so long as it is not violet."

You will remember, also, how sparks flew four months ago after Lady Megan had voted with the Socialists on housing and living costs. Her conduct, Lady Violet (04 this month) told the Cambridge University Liberal Club, was "so subtle and intricate and beyond me that I think it would be understood only by Freud."

Flirting (or whatever Freud would have called it) with the Socialists pre-date flirtation with breakfast parties meeting the great political figures.

Her father whisked her from school at Garrett's Hall Banstead, to a Paris finishing school at 17, so that she could be with him at the Versailles peace conference. She met the men of Versailles, she saw the treaty signed. Afterwards she had a year in India as guest of the Viceroy, Lord Reading.

But she had no aim then to be an MP herself. Her ambitions were wholly centred on "The Old Man." She was for years his closest companion, going with him everywhere—to the United States, Canada, South America, all over Europe.

When at 27 "Ll. G.'s little girl" arrived in Parliament she had not only her father's flashing blue eyes, but most of his mannerisms, including the characteristic stabbing finger.

Welsh was her earliest language, she learned her first words of English at three and a half, when she was taken to an English hotel, and was unable at first to understand what anyone said. Poetic cadences of her mother tongue still echo in her speeches, although she has long since lost her Welsh accent.

If she has missed her vocation in the Cabinet, Lady Megan is in many other ways a lucky woman. Her father left her a half (after certain bequests) of his £140,000 fortune. She has the family house Brynawelon, in Criccieth, with its views flat in South Kensington with a TV set and a view of Big Ben, and her week-end cottage at Churt, Surrey.

Her way of taking it easy at Criccieth on the last week-end before the new session recalled her to London was to put on an old skirt (she doesn't fancy her small, plumpish figure in slacks), and do what work is possible in the rain-soaked garden.

A Winner

SHE enjoys game of golf, too, and she reads a lot (Trollope for choice). She can pop over to Anglesey in an hour (she greeted Princess Margaret there) and is often seen around with her two Pembrokeshire corgis, 11-year-old Sioncyn (little John) and his 10-month-old son Bl'ws (Little William).

A local JP and urban district councillor, she has no time or taste for domestic tasks; is looked after by a staff of two and 77-year-old Sarah Jones, who joined the household before she was born. There is also a housekeeper in the London flat.

Difficult? Sometimes. Temperament? Plenty. As Lady Violet knows. But when she turns on the Lloyd George smile and the Lloyd George charm, she is a winner every time—except perhaps in Lady Violet's constituency of Colne Valley.

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WOMANSENSE

To Beat The Heat

Relaxation in style is what summer months call for to beat the heat. At left, white ralm Beach slacks set off an open weave red-and-blue plaid shirt that features the new peasant collar which was inspired by Riviera fishermen. The young lady is wearing a flaming red cravat with her hip-length terry cloth lounging jacket.

Brush Your Way To Beauty

By HELEN FOLLETT

YOUR hair requires more than the scant attention bestowed upon it. Beauticians lament that some portion of the good looks budget is not spent on the care of the scalp, from which the hirsute foliage gets its living and vitality. A course of scalp treatments now and then will keep the hair conditioned. The growth is subject to depressing influences the same as any other part of the body.

Although the hair itself contains no blood vessels or nerves, it is richly supplied with nourishment through the follicles. Whatever affects the nervous system and the general circulation may affect your precious tresses. You may have noticed that, when you feel low, your hair looks dull and lifeless. So mind your health rules.

Between Shampoos

Cleanliness is the one important matter. The period between shampoos should not exceed a fortnight. You have your choice between liquid soaps, oils and creams. Whatever you select should be well distributed, completely removed by means of a bath spray and a strong current of water.

Before washing your hair give yourself a ten-minute scalp treatment. You won't worry then about weakening your finger wave.

Brush the hair, strand by strand, let the bristles of the brush touch your scalp. Drop your head forward, brush from the nape line to the crown of your head.

Spread out fingers and thumbs, give your scalp a brisk friction. It will love it, will glow and respond. Hold the fingers stationary, press deeply with the thumbs, doing circles. Pick up the flesh, roll and pinch it to get the blood streams into action. This expenditure of a little time will bring rich rewards.

Brushing is an important part of hair care. Give your locks at least one hundred strokes at night and for a good job choose a brush with all-around bristles.

Film Star Plays With Clay Set

Robert Cummings' birthday gift from his five-year-old son, Robert, was a clay modelling set.

"My wife, Mary, told him he could buy anything he thought I'd like," said Cummings, "and he was sure I'd be thrilled with it."

The actor had his birthday free from the comedy, "For Heaven's Sake," which he made with Clifton Webb, Joan Bennett and Edmund Gwenn. He reported he spent most of the day making things out of clay.

"The next day Robert told me he would keep the set in his room to protect it from burglars," he said.

Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Lace Overblouse—For the New Camisole Dresses

FOR that tired, woebegone dress that is too, too plain or when your camisole-top dress seems too bare for the occasion or for comfort, try this type of lace overblouse.

You need 1½ yds. of 36" cotton lace in white, black, or a flattering colour. If long sleeves are more becoming to you, piece sleeve from pieces cut from the underarm and make them long.

To chalk out: Straighten fabric at cut ends. Fold lengthwise, with fold toward you. Pin selvages together. B is at halfway point to right of A. C is ¼ neck to left of B. D is 1/6 neck plus ½" above B.

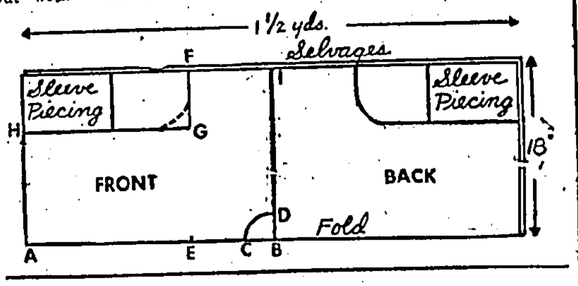
E is ½ armhole plus 1" to left of B. F is on selvage directly above E. G is ¼ bust plus 2" above E on E—F line. H is straight to left edge from G.

Cut line H toward G, curving under arm as shown. Cut out to F. Mark I on selvage straight up from B and fold front over this line, centre front fold and centre back fold meeting. Cut back same as front.

Cut neck curve C to D, then to B. In fitting, you may want to shape back neck a little, but with lace it is rarely necessary. Slash front on fold to depth desired, usually to waist.

French - seam underarms. Band the neck and centre front with 1"-wide lace insertion or ribbon. Make a 1" hem in bottom of sleeves and 1¼" hem in bottom of blouse.

Sequins may be sewn to the lace to add glitter. Pockets may be added to portion below waistline. A velvet ribbon sash may be used at the waist. These are only a few of the many ways to individualise this type of blouse and make it just right for you.



Neat Shoulderline

Beautiful shoulders, a regal pose of the head, a neat back are all dependent upon the spinal column. If a girl is to cut a pretty figure, wear clothes with elegance, she must make her backbone perform as nature intended. Held tall, the balance or equilibrium of the body is maintained. That stance creates the lines of a fine and graceful silhouette. All parts of the body, its musculature, the nervous system, the inner organs are then in position and alignment.

If it tires you to stand for any length of time, you can be pretty sure that your posture is not correct. You are leaning too far forward or too far back. In course of time, either one of these habits will have a deplorable effect upon the figure. Fibres that should be strong will sag, and then what? Fat cells will arrive, take up residence on weak muscles.

UNUSUALLY STYLED

An attractive and unusually styled dress by Margy Rouff, one of the leading dress designers of Paris. It is "studded" taffeta and velvet.

Household Hints

Remember the terms, "pure dye" and "weighted" when buying silk material. Ask for samples and test them. Pure-dye silks burn readily, with a small blue flame which is easily extinguished. The odour is like that of burning feathers; the ash is black, shiny and forms tiny brittle balls along the edge. Weighted silk chars rather than burns, and leaves a black ash of the same shape as the cloth.

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If windows have brown stains on them from rusty screens, rub spots with cut lemon. If the stain is stubborn make a paste of cream of tartar and peroxide. Apply this and let it stand for half an hour, then flush off with water.

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You can make serve-yourself trays from rectangular cookie tins if you remove the oily coating on the new metal. Do this with a rag dipped in turpentine. You may then use gloss or semi-gloss for the background, and a gloss enamel for your designs.

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Before repainting any kind of furniture, remove all grease, polish and dirt by washing it with soap and water.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Kitten Was a Problem

—Hanid Tried Hard to Teach Purr-Purr Manners—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW Purr - Purr," said Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, "you're a very pretty kitten. You've got black fur and green eyes. But you're not as tame as some of the dogs—the puppy-dogs—that live in the neighbourhood."

Hanid took Purr-Purr in her lap and stroked her back. Purr-Purr liked this very much and curled herself up as though to go to sleep. "No," said Hanid, giving her a gentle shake, "you'd better listen to what I have to say about your not being as tame as the puppy-dogs. You see, Purr-Purr, the puppies all let themselves be led around on a leash. But you—do you know what a leash is, Purr-Purr?"

Purr-Purr wriggled and twisted.

Hanid interrupted herself suddenly to ask.

Purr-Purr didn't answer.

Leather Rope

"I guess you don't know," continued Hanid, "so I'll tell you. A leash is a leather rope. It's quite long. It snaps on to the collar which the puppy wears around his neck. Now do you understand, Purr-Purr?"

There was no telling whether Purr-Purr did or didn't understand. She didn't say a single word one way or the other.

"Anyway," said Hanid, "when a puppy goes walking with his master or mistress, he walks at the end of the leash. That means he can't run off somewhere all of a sudden. But a good puppy never wants to run off. He walks very politely by his master or mistress's side. That means he is a well-bred puppy. He has manners. Oh dear," sighed Hanid, "I wish you had the same kind of manners, Purr-Purr."

Hanid looked sadly at Purr-Purr and shook her head. "But you haven't puppy-dog manners, Purr-Purr. Yesterday I put a collar around your neck. What did you do?"

Purr-Purr was silent.

"I'll tell you what you did, Purr-Purr," said Hanid. "You wriggled around. You squirmed and twisted. Finally you got the collar off your neck and started to climb up the curtains. Luckily I caught you just in time. I put the collar back on. Then I attached the leash to it. And then we went out for a walk. . . ."

Hanid's voice changed. She held Purr-Purr up in front of her as she spoke.

"First," said Hanid, "I had to drag you a bit. You kept stopping and rolling over. Then you began darting round and round the leash. It got all tangled up in your legs. I had to untangle it. Did you help me untangle it, Purr-Purr? Oh no!" You tried to scratch me.

Gave a Jump

"Then, just as I got the leash straight again, you gave a jump. Away you went, with the leash trailing after you like a sort of long leathery tail. You rushed under the hedge and out again on the other side. You shot across the garden. You ran in and out of the garage. You knocked over several cans of things such as oil, and got yourself smeared all over. I ran after you and slipped, and I got smeared all over.

"And then what happened, Purr-Purr? I'll tell you that, too. You found a hole in the corner of the garage and got outside before I knew it. When I got outside, I looked all over for you. You seemed to be gone. But no—I caught a glimpse of the leather leash way up on the roof of the house. It was caught on the edge of one of the bricks in the chimney. And when I hurried around to the other side I saw (oh, what an awful thing!) that you were caught tight—up there on the roof, behind the chimney!

"It wasn't easy to get you down, Purr-Purr. You were too high up to reach. Father tried to get at you with a long stick. It was no good. He had to get a ladder. How you meowed! Oh dearie me, I was certainly glad to see you down on the ground again. But we took no more walk, Purr-Purr no, never again!" And Hanid once more sighed.

Rupert and the Castaway—19

When they have finished their breakfast Rupert thinks of returning and reaches for the paddle. At that moment Koko seizes it and, working furiously, drives the boat quickly away from the shore. "Hi! You're going the wrong way," cries the little bear, but his small friend doesn't understand and doesn't stop. The strange bird that Rupert saw yesterday has appeared again and flies round them. At length Koko hands over the paddle and kneels in the prow, making a curious whistling noise. At once the bird swoops and flutters expectantly before him.

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DUMB-BELLS

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Guard Against A Tough Split

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♣ A Q 10 4

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Opening lead—♠ J

By OSWALD JACOBY

"PLEASE explain a bridge pointer to me in words of one syllable," requests a Knoxville reader. "How should South play the clubs in his hand?

"I played the hand at three no-trump and managed to go down. West opened the jack of spades, and I played low from dummy, winning in my own hand with the ace. I returned the jack of clubs, remarking that one black jack deserved another.

"West covered with the king of clubs, and dummy won with the ace. The rest of the top clubs were cashed, but the suit failed to break. I next tried the diamonds, but West won two diamonds since that suit also failed to break. He then went back to spades, and the defenders took two spades and the nine of clubs, thus setting the contract.

"I can see that my way of playing the clubs lost the contract for me, but how was I to know in advance how the clubs were going to break?"

If West has the king and exactly two small clubs, it doesn't matter whether South leads the jack of clubs or a low club for the finesse in that suit. Dummy will surely win the ace, queen, and ten; and then, since all the clubs will drop, dummy's last club will be good for a fourth trick in the suit.

Suppose West has the king and three or more low clubs. Once again, it doesn't matter how South plays the suit; but this time the reason is that only three tricks can be won. Whenever South leads the jack, West will cover with the king. Dummy will surely make the ace, queen, and ten; but then West's remaining club will be higher than dummy's last club.

NOW let's see a case that does matter. Suppose West has the singleton king of clubs. If South begins the suit by leading the jack, West must cover with the king. Dummy will make the three honours, but East will then be able to beat dummy's last club.

If South leads a low club instead of the jack, West must play his singleton king. Then dummy makes three clubs, and South wins the jack for a total of four club tricks.

In the actual hand, South should lead a low club instead of the jack. West plays low, and dummy wins a finesse with the ten. South gets back to his hand with the ace of diamonds and leads his other low club. This time West must play his king. Dummy makes the ace. South next makes the jack of clubs, and dummy later takes the queen.

In other words, South doesn't need to guess how the clubs are divided. He cannot gain anything by leading the jack of clubs; the best he can get is an even break. He has a chance to gain by leading a low club, since West may have the singleton or doubleton king of clubs.

CARD Sense

Q—As dealer, with both sides vulnerable, you hold: Spades A-J-6-3, Hearts A-K-J-7-4, Diamonds A-K-4, Club 6. You bid one heart and your partner bids one spade. The opponents pass throughout. What do you do next?

A—Bid three diamonds. This jump bid is forcing to game. You don't really have a "biddable" diamond suit, but that doesn't matter. It takes a jump shift in a new suit to show the full power of your hand.

TODAY'S QUESTION

You hold the same hand, and the bidding continues. After you make the jump shift to three diamonds, your partner raises to four diamonds. The opponents pass throughout. What do you do next?

Answer Tomorrow

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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

AMONG recent suggestions for making traffic mobile, I choose this: "Why not prevent all private cars from stopping (except at lights)?"

I long to see thousands of cars stopping at the light nearest to their destination. As people are not to be allowed to park their cars, they cannot dismount to join the gay throng of pedestrians inside "tubular railings installed along the streets" to prevent them crossing the road. So there are the drivers, stopped at the lights, and unable to do anything, and there are the pedestrians who must not cross the road. The probability is that by evening the pedestrians would be scrambling along over the jammed cars, whose drivers would all be had up for parking.

Is Goatacre England's hope?

SOME may remember the considerable stir made years ago by an English heavyweight boxer who worked on the theory that, by attacking all the time with both fist simultaneously, he would develop the aggressive spirit we need. "Two fists," he said, "are twice as powerful as one." Unfortunately he left himself unguarded, and was always knocked out. But it is possible that a lad in training today, and working on this unorthodox theory, may be the English hope. He is Bobby Goatacre, and reports say that he uses his two fists simultaneously to deliver such terrific double punches that nobody can stand up to him. His sparring partners say it is like being hit by a heavy oak door on each side of the head at the same time. Goatacre is to fight the Belgian Rieux next week at the East Norwood Brickworks.

Angry Persians

I SAY, sir! Where pleeze, ho yes, is yore 'British fairplay' what you are boosting about? Here are riters to you of carseening lack of creddit hupon Iran. Can we help it if we was of being born hin Persia but not hin Hingland at all? Must we be 'nationalised as Britishmen, before we are of being promitted to play seesaw for you? Wot about Wargener sang by Geormann people at Kopink Gardens? Wot about Pickahso and his pictures? Wot about the Yuggerslavick footballers? Seesaw shud not know sum fountiers like hart. Hon the plank hall men have broothers wite, yaller nor redd. Hit is of being a trooly hinternational bit how hintertanement ho yes.

The Filthistan Trio much hurt.

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . . By STELLA

MONDAY, APRIL 16

IF you are born today, you have high ambitions and tremendous physical courage. There is little that you will not attempt. You also have certain basic tenets to which you will hold against all opposition. Once you have made a decision you will stand by it. You are fond of discipline, perfect order and social justice.

You are no armchair reformer, one who criticises and then does nothing. You will make every effort to instrument your ideas. You have a faculty for the written word and will be able to do much good in the field of literature. You are a firm believer that in most cases the pen can be mightier than the sword. If that fails, however, you are willing to resort to open battle to gain your objectives. And you know how to fight hard.

You are astute in business and have social talents that will place you among influential people. The circle in which you move should become an ever-widening one. Far from being impulsive, you are one to make your plans carefully and deliberately, following them through to a successful completion. Your prospects are good for material success as well as for a fame which might well outlive you. If you fail, you will have only yourself to blame; the stars have given you unusual talents.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If a financial obligation is due, discuss the matter frankly with someone who can help.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Do what you can to improve affairs at home. Begin the week with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Sales promotion is well rewarded. Get a good price for your services or your products. Make a profit.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A friendly, co-operative day. Reciprocal gains can be made if you go at things the right way.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A fine time for considering all kinds of business arrangements. Be sure of your budget and finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Let bygones be bygones. Live in the present and plan for a bright, new future.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Monotonous routine can dull you. Get out of it; change your occupation or living environment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Impulses don't pay. Rationalise your actions by thoughtful consideration of the consequences.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Plan an interesting diversion for the evening. Something different can renew your interest in life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—By sharing a confidence with someone you trust, you can get advice and lighten your burdens.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Let an inspiration guide you into practical channels. Make an idea a reality.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You may be somewhat depressed today, but try to counteract it by optimistic attitude.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Are "light" cruisers lighter in weight than heavy cruisers?

2. Complete the name of the play "Idiot's—" Sherwood.

3. Name the capital of New Zealand.

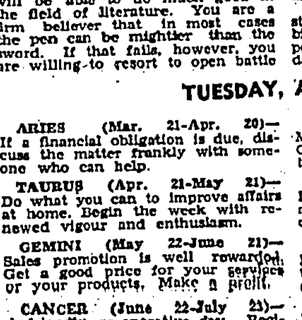
4. What kind of cloud is a nimbus?

5. Name the oldest city in the world that is still in existence.

6. Where is Goa.

(Answer on Page 10)

CROSSWORD



Across

1. What the soldier deranges? (8)
5. Catholic at least. (9)
8. What's to be done? Let Ada get the gen. (6)
11. Has the makings of a red hat. (6)
13. Mr. Crosby has given you many a new one. (5)
14. Leave out of the room it should occupy. (4)
17. Glisten without young Leonard, get the idea? (4)
19. Place that takes in a letter for a relative. (4)
20. One chocolate will provide it. (4)
21. A Mongolian priest. (4)
22. This meal for this cake? (3)
23. Fish. (3)
24. This stalker may be a hat. (4)

Down

1. Municipal meeting place. (9)
2. Round at the end of a weight. (5) 3. Depressed. (3)
4. Fasteners of sorts. (5)
6. Not in a word, a race. (6)
7. Correct stance for a British heavyweight at the end of a contest. (6)
9. Peril from the garden. (6)
10. Devotee. (6)
12. Nowadays, a good one is rare unless, of course, one is more impetuous. (6)
15. Here you have the buffoon. (4)
16. Take good care of. (4)
18. Reptile. (4)

Solution of Saturday's puzzle. Across: Oar(AR) 3. Dado(DO) 11. Nail(S) 12. Ivy 13. Dagger 14. Tot 15. Tiger 17. Ardent(AT) 19. Ivy 20. Alert 22. Ova 23. Ova 24. Rumour 25. Pier 26. Ale 27. Ape 28. Tea 29. Ewer 30. Ale. Down: 1. Boat 2. Ado 3. Dig 4. Ant 5. Dry 6. Ova 7. Ova 8. Ova 9. Ova 10. Ova 16. Ova 17. Ova 18. Ova 19. Ova 21. Ova 22. Ova 23. Ova 24. Ova 25. Ova 26. Ova 27. Ova 28. Ova 29. Ova 30. Ova.

• BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

A New Jersey man reports the loss of an $800 Indian blanket. That's enough to make him go on the warpath.

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When people are reducing good things to eat are always the things not good for them.

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Lots of parties are given just for the pleasure of leaving someone off the list of invited.

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The telephone operators probably hear a lot of pleasantries over the wire that are phony.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

European Tour

by T. O. HARE

"WE plan a European tour next year," writes my enterprising friend from Iowa. "If we can get the necessary visas, we'll be visiting five countries: TARFEAN, KAYNARD, GULINAR, MURDAIN, MUSHIAN. I've rearranged the letters of their names for you; there are seven letters in each."

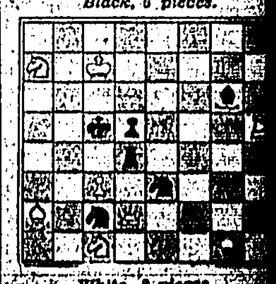
What are the five countries?

(Solution on Page 10)

CHESS PROBLEM

By R. RUPP.

Black, 6 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to Rupp problem:

1. Q—K3, 1. . . Q×B; 2. Q—B7, Q×P; 1. . . R—B7; 2. Q×RP.

A SEVENTH INNING HOMER GIVES BRAVES THE SENIOR LEAGUE PENNANT

By "GRANDSTAND"

Pandemonium broke loose on the diamond yesterday when Mario "Red" Pereira clouted out a seventh inning homer with two aboard to break up a 1-0 ballgame, enabling the Braves to wrap up the Senior Softball League pennant for the second successive year.

After stopping the Tribe cold for six full frames during which time Jaguar hurler Vic Pedruco allowed ony one scratch hit, two disastrous misplays in the infield provided the setup for Pereira's mighty effort.

With the championship decided, the Saints played listless ball against the Canucks and succumbed 8-3 during which time the Maple Leafers shellacked hurler Sherry Bucks for a brace of hits which included round-trippers by Don Robbins and Lofty Baker.

In the Inter-Hong series, Lowe Bingham's toppled Caltex 8—2 to hand the Oilers their first setback of the season, while Shell shaded NHB 12—10 in a hard-earned triumph to take over the league leadership. Rediffusion dropped both ends of a double-header when they were bested out by NHB 6—5 in an extra-inning contest and bowed to Union Insurance 5—2.

The Canuckettes failed to turn out a full side in the last game of the Ladies' League and forfeited the points to the Squaws, not that the decision would have made much difference in the standings, but Canadienne Alice Mar lost a final crack at the batting title.

BRAVES 3—JAGUARS 1

Once more the Braves called upon their legendary last inning rally to turn back the Jaguars, but this time it was not the reputed sluggers that delivered the goods, but catcher Red Pereira who chalked up this second hit in five games, this time a solid smash between left and centre fields to enable him to go on a tour of the bases.

After taking a verbal going-over from the bleacher wolves with uncomplimentary remarks concerning his throwing-arm, Pereira blasted all Jaguar hopes of a playoff tie when he laid his mickery on Pedruco's pitch. Call it luck, call it anything, it was a moment never to be forgotten for the Braves.

It must be said of losing hurler Vic Pedruco that he returned a superb performance on the slab, for he handcuffed the top sluggers of the circuit with Tony Osmund, Junior Remedios, Spiky Guterres and Carlos Yvanovich going hitless the whole afternoon.

Jaguar mentor Frankie Barros came up with another shuffle in the field, this time rookie Steven Xavier was allotted hind-snatching duties with Brown at first base and Gussie Pereira at short-stop. The cagy mentor must have known what he was doing, and the combination proved effective until the fateful seventh.

The Braves were blanked throughout the six innings while the Jaguars could only manage a single run in the first when they had the bases loaded with none away. Clean-up Gerry Langenberg failed to pole out a long fly and hit into the dirt, which resulted in Steven Xavier being forced out at home.

Gus Pereira dropped a neat bunt which scored Pedruco but Lionel Sequiera popped out to short right and Carlos Remedios' relay cut off Gabby Pereira in a cloud of dust.

Fans were settling for the first 1-0 game of the season when Jaguar first-sacker Jock Brown dropped a peg from Langenberg to give Jose Guterres a new lease on life. Carlos Remedios bunted as a sacrifice but Vic Pedruco elected to play for the force out at second which was unsuccessful, and two runners were on base.

Red Pereira, who was known to be a weak hitter, was on deck and the Jaguars had pulled in for a twin-killing to remove the threat, but Red crossed them up with a blazing hit which completely turned the tables as Guterres, Remedios and Pereira dented the plate in succession.

In the Jaguar half of the final frame, Harry Lee, pinch-hitting for Chandu Pedruco, fouled out while Mano Pereira and Jock Brown grounded out to end the ballgame.

CANADIANS 8—SAINTS 3

The Canucks chalked up their first win of the series when they overwhelmed Saints 8—3 in a batting spree. In the second frame the Maple Leafers lashed out at limping Sherry Bucks and scored two runs on Don Robbin's homer while the Saints retaliated with a couple of markers in the fourth to knot the game.

The Canucks drew ahead in the fifth when Baker stretched a triple into a four-master and in the close play at the plate, Saint's nobbler Khan received an ankle injury and was sidelined.

The Canuck Big Inning came in the sixth when a passed grounder in the infield with the bases packed allowed a steady stickful of five runs to cross the payoff station.

Showboat Ali registered a fielding gem reminiscent of his former days when he chased a bloomer just behind the keystone sack, and speared it in a treading drive.

INTER-HONG GAMES

Caltex lost the first in the Inter-Hong series when they

Vic Pedruco, hurling for the Bankers, whiffed 18 Broadcasters for an all-time strikeout record, but inefficient catching allowed several of his victims to reach first base on dropped catches.

Pedruco was called in to put out the fire against Shell too late in the game, but despite this he might have saved the game for NHB had they sufficient support on the field.

Shell piled on their runs in the first four innings when they registered 10 markers to a trio of NHB runs but a lapse on the mound allowed the Bankers to stage a three run uprising which was smothered when Shell hurler Tony Kwok took over the assignment from Hal Winglee.

In the bottom of the sixth chapter Shell added two more runs and took the field for their last time with a six run lead.

With the news of the Caltex defeat at the other end of the field, NHB fought back with renewed energy in an attempt to turn the tables and thus grab the League leadership. F. Garcia flied out while F. Franco whiffed but a sudden outbreak of errors found four runs crossing the plate in quick succession, and it was not until Noquiera had grounded out with the tieing run on first base, that Shell could breathe easier.

Dick Silva and Tony Kwok homered for Shell while Apple Silva clouted a three-bagger for NHB in the sixth.

Inter-Hong games scheduled for tomorrow as follows:

5.45 p.m. Union Insurance v. Shell; Rediffusion v. Lowe Bingham's.

Rennie Barretto after R. Remedios received a life on an outfield muff.

Just to make sure of things, Lowe Bingham's unloaded the lumber for a four-run splurge in the sixth and sewed the game up with another in the seventh.

NHB split a double-header by nosing out Rediffusion on Saturday by 6—5 in an extra inning affair but fell before Shell's slugging onslaught on Sunday morning.

SCORES AT A GLANCE

SENIOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

Braves	3	Jaguars	1
Canucks	8	Saints	3

INTER-HONG SERIES

NHB	8	Rediffusion (8 innings)	5
China Light	7	Stanvac	0
Jardines	7	NTS	0
L. Bingham's	8	Caltex	2
Gibbs	7	NTS	0
Shell	12	NHB	10
Union Ins.	5	Rediffusion	2

SPORTING SAM . . . . . By Reg. Wootton

International Hockey

India Fully Extended By Plucky Malaya XI

By "OBSERVER"

The International Hockey Tournament, which was won by Portugal last year, began yesterday with two enjoyable and evenly contested matches.

India, who are last year's runners-up, were fully extended by a plucky Malaya XI before emerging winners by three goals to one. A hat-trick by Nugget Ebrahim gave Pakistan a hard-earned 3-1 victory over England, to qualify for the semi-final game against India.

In the other half of the draw are Portugal, who will play a strong Ireland team this afternoon and the Dutch, who have been awarded a walkover by Scotland.

Consisting of a number of First Division players, the India side failed to click as a team, particularly in the forward line, and it was their individual superiority that gave them a slight edge over their more youthful but overanxious opponents, whose teamwork was the more attractive.

Weak finishing in front of the goalmouth, however, nullified most of the Malayans' fine approach attempts.

DEFENCE FEATURED

Defence featured prominently in this match, with both goalkeepers Ponniah and Lall Singh putting up some good work between the sticks. Both centre-halves, M. H. Hassan for India and Robert Tay for Malaya, figured conspicuously in the defence and played a major part in directing the attacks of their sides with well-directed feeding passes.

J. S. Ng and J. Huang were a fast and steady pair of full backs and together with A. Rahman at right-half were largely responsible for keeping down the score against them.

In the Malayan forward line, Aziz at centre-forward and Thong at left-wing were two tireless triers but were not given the necessary support.

Prominent in the India defence was left-half Walker, whose interceptions and quick coverage time and again pulled his side out of a tight spot. Karanjia and Bhagat Singh provided the spearheads of the Indian attack, which though thrustful lacked combination.

THE PLAY

Play began at a fast pace, with both sides enjoying an equal share of the exchanges until the 15th minute, when India scored their first goal. A zig-zag pass between the two inside-lefts put Bhagat Singh through the defence, to put his side one goal up with a nice flick.

Malaya came vigorously back to the attack and equalised a few minutes later through Aziz, who, receiving a good pass into the "D" from Tay, pushed the ball past the advancing goalkeeper. At the interval the score was 1-1.

On the resumption, Malaya again missed a number of scoring chances through lack of shooting power in front of the goalmouth. India took the lead in the 10th minute when a good through pass saw Rattan Singh streaking through on the right wing.

Cutting in into the "D", he slammed the ball hard with an angular drive past Ponniah's outstretched legs into the sideboard of the goal.

Just before the final whistle blew, Karanjia put the issue beyond doubt with a follow-up first-timer, that was actually a mishit, but the ball rolled slowly into the goal with Ponniah at the other end of the goalmouth.

THE TEAMS

Malaya: S. N. Ponniah; J. S. Ng, J. Huang; A. Rahman, R. Tay, C. H. Chiew; P. S. Liew L. P. Lung, A. Aziz, T. C. Lee, K. S. Thong.

India: Lall Singh; S. S. Ditta, Man Singh; Balwant Singh, M. H. Hassan, Walker; Rattan Singh, Karanjia, Mohinder Singh, Bhagat Singh, Gurbux Singh.

PAKISTAN—ENGLAND

Consisting wholly of second division players, the fast and youthful Pakistan XI scored a creditable 3-1 win over an England selection that consisted of at least nine first division regulars.

Excellent teamwork and combination enabled the Pakistan boys to utilise their speed and inexhaustible staying power to the best advantage, and on their form displayed yesterday, are expected to have the better of India in the semi-final.

Nugget Ebrahim, the Pakistan inside-right, crowned a morning's excellent performance with a hat-trick, and was ably assisted in his goal scoring feat by right-wing M. Samy.

Ditta, a centre-forward, could have earned for himself that distinction, had he not muffed up a few easy scoring chances right in front of the goalmouth.

England's defence stood up well under the relentless sweeping offensives of their fast opponents, but the forwards, with the exception of interporter Brown and ex-interporter Sidney Fowler, failed to come up to expectations.

Sidney Fowler was the only inside forward who looked capable of scoring any goals, and was always dangerous when in possession of the ball with his pile-driving shots at goal.

THE PLAY

Pakistan, after missing two almost sure goals, took the lead after 25 minutes of play in the first half, when Nugget Ebrahim first-timed a right wing pass into the net. At the interval Pakistan led by the solitary goal.

On the resumption, England assumed the offensive and for the greater period of the first 15 minutes kept the ball in the Pakistan 25. A short corner enabled them to equalise. Stopping the corner hit, Fowler drove in a hard shot that crashed into the boards.

Pakistan woke up to livelier play, after this setback, and five minutes later again took the lead through Nugget Ebrahim. Snapping an inside-left push pass, he slammed an angular drive past the goalie. Ten minutes before the end, Ebrahim chalked up Pakistan's third goal when he nicely took a wing pass in his stride and drove the ball past the outstretched legs of the goalie.

THE TEAMS

Pakistan: Rakha; A. M. Wahab Jr., Yakub Khan; Z. A. Abbas, E. Yusuf, Tiger Hussain; M. Yusuf, A. M. Wahab, Ditta, Nugget Ebrahim, M. Samy.

England: Pittam; Cannon, Eddis; Dudley, Clarke, Miller; Thorpe, Caldecott, Card, S. Fowler, Brown.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME

TODAY

Portugal v Ireland on Recreio ground at 5.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

Netherlands v. winner of Portugal v Ireland on Navy ground at 5.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

International semi-final: India v Pakistan at Sookunpoo at 5.45 p.m.

Quadrangular final: RAF v Army at Kai Tak at 5.45 p.m.

THURSDAY

Final of International tournament at Recreio at 5.45 p.m.

Kowloon Chinese Win 3-1

ROUGH TACTICS SPOIL MEMORIAL CUP FINAL

By "SPIV"

Kowloon Combined Chinese won the Cup in their first entry to this competition when they beat Army in the final by three goals to one yesterday.

In the past the Combined Chinese team has included both Hongkong and Kowloon players, but in an attempt to make the competition more keen, they have been split into separate Hongkong and Kowloon elevens this year.

But for the gallant display put up by Army, yesterday's final was a sorry conclusion to this year's Memorial cup series. Robust tactics by both sides tended on occasions to develop into rough and intentional fouls, culminating in a referee's warning being given to Army's Higgins following an incident with Chau Man-chi of the Combined Chinese.

Capper injured his knee in the fifth minute of play during a skirmish in front of the goalmouth, and when not long after he returned into the play in the 35th minute, Wootton collided with Au Chi-yin and was incapacitated for the rest of the game with an injured nose.

TWO FORWARDS SHORT

For the major period of the game, Army were playing with only three forwards, and under the circumstances, the Army defence deserved every praise for their stouthearted performance in limiting the score to only three goals against them. Heading the list of the die-hards were Philpott at goal, Capper at centre-half and Etheridge at right back.

The Chinese, though putting up the usual strong defence, could not be said to be at their best in the forward line, where Ho Ying-fan at right wing was completely off form.

King Lok-sang gave distinct promise of being a future interport left wing, showing good speed and sending in some fine centres. His greatest weakness however was in his shots at goal.

Time and again yesterday, he threw away golden chances of scoring when he sent the ball either wide or over the goalmouth when he had only the goalkeeper to beat.

HOW GOALS WERE SCORED

Army held up for 20 minutes in the first half after losing Capper in the fifth minute before conceding the first goal.

A beat through pass by Cheng Kam-hoi sent King Lok-sang streaking through to the goalmouth from his left wing berth, and scoring the first goal with a rasping drive.

Soon after the return of Capper, Army conceded a penalty when Capper gave a doubtful charge to King Lok-sang in attempting to reach for a high ball. Chang Kam-hoi made no mistake with the spot kick.

Army retaliated three minutes later with a spectacular goal by left-wing Edwards. After stopping over the ball in his dash to the goalmouth, Edwards slipped, but recovered and cut in with the ball into the centre.

He then sent in a beautiful right-footed waist high drive into the far corner of the net through a crowd of players with Yu powerless on the other end of the goalmouth. At the interval the score remained 2-1 in favour of the Combined team.

Army made spirited attempts to equalise in the resumption but were unable to make any headway against an inspired defence in which Hung Hing-yuk at centre-half and Hau Yung-sang at right back were the main stumbling blocks.

In the 30th minute of the second half, Chang Kam-hoi capped his grand captain's performance by scoring the third goal for his side, and putting the issue beyond doubt. A straight through pass from Au Chi-yin was followed through by him, and the ball went spinning into the far corner of the net.

THE TEAMS

Kowloon Chinese: Yue Yiu-tak; Hau Yung-sang, Lai Wai; Tung Sum, Hung Hing-yuk, Chau Man-chi; Ho Ying-fan, Chang Kam-hoi (captain), Leo Chun-fat, Au Chi-yin, King Lok-sang.

Army: Philpott; Etheridge, Kirkland; Wootton (capt), Capper, Cooke, Jones, Hughes, Mack, Hunter, Carpenter, Edwards.

Prince Philip's Team Wins Polo Match At Rome

Rome, Apr. 15.

Princess Elizabeth watched the Duke of Edinburgh and his polo team win their first match in Rome's International Polo Tournament today.

The game, played in warm spring sunshine, was between the Optimists, captained by the Duke, and the Penguins—an Italian team.

The Optimists won 4-2.

Princess Elizabeth presented the trophies to the players after the game.

The Princess and her husband, on a holiday visit here, attended services at Holy Trinity Church this morning. They lunched privately at Villa Wolkonsky, the British Embassy in Rome, before going to the polo match.

They are due to leave early tomorrow morning to motor to Florence for a two-day private visit as guests of ex-Queen Helen of Rumania.—Associated Press.

Sao Paulo Beat Munich Club

Munich, Apr. 15.

The Brazilian Association football team Sao Paulo, beat Munich 1860 Club by four goals to three here today. At half-time Sao Paulo led by three goals to one.

A crowd of over 15,000 saw the Brazilians dominate the first half and gain a good lead. But after the interval the home team fought back, though they could never make up for their

SCM Post Team Draws With Pingshan Police

The SCMP Sports Association Smallball team, led by T. Wong, met a strong Pingshan Police team at Yuen Long yesterday afternoon. It was a hotly contested game and no goal was scored by either side in the first half.

Ten minutes after the interval, Lau Chi-ping opened the score for the Morning Post side. The police team fought hotly afterwards and Cheung Kwan equalised. The game finished one-all. After the match, the visitors were entertained at tea at the Wing Wah Restaurant, Yuen Long, by the police players and the newspaper team returned to town at 7 p.m.

The teams were:

SCM Post: Lau Chi-choi; Shum Kam-chi (Capt.), Ng Chi-cheong, Tam Kam-pui; Cheung Shu-kau, Lau Chi-ping Loung Ho-kwong. Reserve: Cheang Chung-yung.

Pingshan Police Team: Leung Yau-hang; Cheung Kwan, Fan Kwei-choi, Tang Tong; Chen Chun-wing, Leong Kang-chi and Cheung Yam-wing.

BACK STROKE RECORD

Hilversum, Holland, Apr. 15.

Holland's Gertje L. Wielsma claimed the world record for the women's 100 yards back-stroke here today, clocking 1.40.1—two seconds below the present world mark of 1.42.1 chalked up by Holland's G. Reis at Rotterdam in 1938.—Reuter.

Britain Wins Table Tennis Tournament

Liege, Apr. 15.

Britain, led by the World Champion, Johnny Leach, won a five-nation international table tennis tournament here last night.

In the finals Britain beat France by four games to two. Earlier Britain had beaten Belgium's "B" team in the semi-finals by four games to none, and France had beaten Belgium's "A" team by four games to one.—Reuter.

France Beats Wales In Rugby League Match

Marseilles, Apr. 15.

France beat Wales by 28 points (eight goals, four tries) to 12 points (two goals, three tries) in an international Rugby League match here today.

France led by 12 points to

ON THE RECORD

The Legislature Decides For Recreio Ladies

Who won the Ladies' Hockey League Point Tournament yesterday? Late yesterday afternoon there were some 44 puzzled women, as many puzzled spectators and about two dozen puzzled children.

Recreio mothers were shooing their red-pantied children why. It had suddenly occurred to them that this was a necessary measure as Victorians' transport was collecting all the red-pantied.

There were decided opinions expressed in raised voices. There was a possibility that anybody had won. School and Recreio had each won one game. Gremlins had scored the most points, Victorians were the winners by popular acclamation.

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Said one lady, "At St Agatha's when I was a schoolgirl, we had two points for a short corner, one for a long corner and three for a penalty bully."

Said another, "At St Bee's we had four points for a short corner, two for a long corner and three for a penalty bully."

Said a third, "At St Claudia's we had six points for a short corner, three for a long corner and two for a penalty bully."

Said the score-keeper, "It's your tournament, not mine. Do what you please."

Said Mother Read, "The School have one goal, five short and five long corners. They win."

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There were further arguments as to whether a goal erased all corners—be these long or short. Did a win count, or didn't it? Someone suggested that the Victorians, who put up a sterling performance each time out with three players short, should be declared winners.

Later the same evening, the Legislature decided that Recreio Ladies had won by virtue of the fact that they scored a goal against the School and the School had thus lost a match, though they collected 10 points in corners.

The final table read:

	W	D	L
Recreio	1	2	-
School	1	1	1
Gremlins	-	3	-
Victorians	-	2	1

Mrs Read asks us to extend her apologies to all concerned for having supported the wrong decision.

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All the Ladies' Hockey League teams have one point in common. They like to make the 5.20 movies. The tournament was taking a long time. Though there was a huge school clock, that wasn't more than 10 minutes out, in sight, one warrior after another kept inquiring what the correct time was.

The desire not to be late for "Panic in the Streets" caused a near-panic on the field. At one stage there were four teams lined up wishing to play their last match off and leave post haste.

The Victorians, who made themselves very popular yesterday, walked off to wait and left it to the other three to make a three-cornered battle of it if they wished. I have it from good authority that they don't particularly care for Richard Widmark and that they turned up three short because the missing three had flown to Singapore for the week-end to see "Hamlet." They prefer Sir Laurence Olivier.

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Mother Read had a job of it keeping the tournament going. Recreio Ladies were on the point of leaving—intent on not missing any trailer, newsreel or cartoon thrown in with the main feature.

Mother Read put her foot down. The senior members of the Recreio team were on her side. The Recreio girls, apparently feeling that 25 minutes would go faster if they kept running all the time, outran the school. They scored a goal while the School didn't. School collected four short corners and two long corners and Recreio had their points off a penalty bully. The goal won them the Tournament.

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The results were:

Gremlins drew with School. Points: Gremlins 4, School 3.

Recreio drew with Victorians. Points: Recreio 3, Victorians 0.

Gremlins drew with Recreio. Points: Gremlins 8, Recreio 4.

School beat Victorians by a goal scored by Maureen Hodkinson. Points: School 2, Victorians 2.

Recreio beat School by a goal scored by Amanda Silva. Points: School 10, Recreio 3.

Gremlins drew with Victorians, each side scoring a goal. Susan Whitworth scored for Victorians and then Hilda Fowler for Gremlins. Points: Gremlins 8, Victorians 0.

In the morning session, School "B" and University each won two games out of three, both teams scoring two goals. School "B" scored more points and will play Recreio in the final.

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Mother Read yesterday refused to divulge the name of the Gremlin who had wilted before a Royal Air Force attack on Friday evening and had called out to an onrushing RAF forward, "You have the ball. You can keep it."

Foom information supplied by a colleague, this columnist can inform followers of the Gremlins' fortunes that it wasn't anyone of Privates Gerrard, Kerr, N. Abraham, S. Abraham, Slade or Simmons. It was one of the Gremlins in the NCO or Officer class.

RAF, who apparently turned out a League team, were 6-1 up on the Gremlins before the half time whistle. After that there was camaraderie and a mixed game. Who said Gremlins and RAF can't get along? It was RAF the Gremlins were up against, too, not WAAF.

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The brass (and we don't mean RAF brass) prevailed upon our staff member to keep the result out of print. RAF were providing the transport back from Kai Tak, but he wasn't sure that Gremlins hadn't completely commandeered it by then.

Said one Gremlin Private after the match: "They are hard hitters, but they are still nice boys."

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The Gremlins, by the way, are likely to run three teams next season and Mother Read's present plans are not to call the other two Gremlins "B" and and "C". They will be known as the Fifinellas and the Widgets.

This columnist asked a Junior Gremlin yesterday if she liked being called a Fifinella. She said she thought it rather a nice name but rather ridiculous. She would prefer to be a Widget.

Meanwhile, the day seems to be drawing nearer, with Gremlins touring the Services' playing fields, when they will be militarised and orders to the team published in the usual manner.

For example:

"Pte. R. Kerr, to be L/Cpl. w.e.f. 4 Mar 51, transferred to right-back."

Though she didn't move entirely without protest, Private Renate has quite definitely established herself in a new position and deserves a raise in rank.

—*RECORDER.*

Drobny Wins The Rome Tournament

Rome, Apr. 15.

Jaroslav Drobny, self-exiled Czech lawn tennis player who now represents Egypt, today won the Men's Singles final in the Rome International Lawn Tennis Tournament here.

Drobny beat Gianni Cucelli, the Italian Davis Cup player, by 6-1, 10-8 and 6-0 in the final.

The Women's Doubles event was won by Miss Doris Hart and Miss Shirley Fry (United States) who beat Miss Louise Brough (United States) and Mrs Thelma Long (Australia) in the final by 6-1 and 7-5.

Miss Hart and Miss Fry are to meet in the final of the Women's Singles tomorrow. The Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles finals are also due to be decided tomorrow. — Reuter.

Albert Finch Challenges Don Cockell

London, Apr. 15.

Albert Finch, former Middleweight Boxing Champion, who is now in cruiserweight, has challenged Don Cockell for the latter's British Light-heavyweight boxing title.

Mr Jack Burns, his manager, said that he has applied to the British Boxing Board of Control and the Southern Area Council for pressure to be brought to bear so that Cockell should defend his title against Finch as soon as the six months' grace allowed the Champion expires.

Cockell won his title by beating Mark Hart and the six months are up by the end of this month. The Board have informed Mr Burns that they are considering his claim.—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL REVIEW

SCOTLAND WRESTS HOME SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP FROM ENGLAND

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLES

London, Apr. 15.
The following are the Football League standings:

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Tottenham	39	23	9	7	77	42	55
Manchester U	39	22	7	10	65	39	51
Blackpool	39	20	9	10	77	48	49
Middlesbro'	39	18	10	11	75	60	46
Newcastle	39	16	13	9	60	50	45
Arsenal	40	18	8	14	71	55	44
Burnley	40	14	14	12	47	39	42
Portsmouth	39	14	14	11	63	64	42
Liverpool	39	16	10	13	52	53	42
Bolton	39	17	6	15	60	55	40
Stoke	40	13	14	13	46	49	40
Wolves	37	15	7	15	70	53	37
Derby	38	15	7	16	74	67	37
Sunderland	39	11	14	14	58	70	36
Fulham	39	12	11	16	48	62	35
West Brom	40	12	10	18	49	58	34
Charlton	39	13	8	18	58	77	34
Huddersfield	39	14	5	20	61	84	33
Aston Villa	39	10	12	17	58	65	32
Everton	39	11	8	20	46	78	30
Sheffield W.	38	9	8	21	51	70	26
Chelsea	37	8	8	21	43	61	24

SECOND DIVISION

Preston	40	25	5	10	90	47	55
Manchester C.	38	18	11	9	81	59	47
Cardiff	39	16	15	8	51	42	47
Birmingham	39	19	8	12	61	50	46
Coventry	40	19	6	15	72	55	44
Blackburn	40	16	8	14	62	61	44
Brentford	40	16	7	15	73	71	43
Leeds	39	17	8	14	58	55	42
Doncaster	39	14	12	13	60	64	40
Southampton	39	14	12	13	62	69	40
Sheffield U.	38	15	9	14	67	58	39
Hull	39	14	11	14	68	69	39
West Ham	39	15	9	15	66	67	39
Barnsley	39	15	6	16	73	61	36
Queen's Park	40	14	10	16	67	70	38
Leicester	39	13	10	16	62	55	36
Notts C.	38	12	12	14	56	54	36
Swansea	39	16	4	19	51	69	36
Luton	39	9	13	17	52	62	31
Bury	40	11	8	21	55	82	30
Chesterfield	40	8	11	21	39	67	27
Grimsby	39	7	11	21	56	91	25

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN)

Norwich	40	23	12	5	69	33	58
Notts F.	39	24	9	6	91	34	57
Reading	41	20	12	9	85	51	52
Southend	42	20	9	13	86	63	49
Bristol R.	39	18	12	9	55	35	48
Plymouth	41	19	9	13	74	51	47
Millwall	40	19	9	12	60	55	47
Ipswich	42	20	6	16	61	54	46
Bristol C.	40	17	10	13	57	53	44
Bournemouth	40	19	6	15	59	56	43
Newport	39	17	7	15	69	56	41
Exeter	40	17	6	17	60	60	40
Port Vale	39	15	8	15	53	58	38
Swindon	41	17	4	20	x	x	38
Brighton	40	10	17	13	59	72	37
Aldershot	41	13	10	18	52	80	36
Colchester	41	13	9	19	56	71	35
Leyton Orient	41	14	7	20	50	68	35
Torquay U.	43	13	8	22	62	80	34
Northampton	41	10	13	18	50	66	33
Walsall	41	12	9	20	47	60	33
Gillingham	41	11	9	21	63	94	31
Watford	41	8	10	23	51	80	26
Palace	40	8	8	24	29	20	24

THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)

Rotherham	41	27	8	6	93	40	62
Lincoln	40	24	7	9	82	44	55
Carlisle	41	22	11	8	71	44	55
Mansfield	40	23	9	8	67	43	55
Tranmere	40	21	9	10	76	58	51
Bradford	42	22	6	14	84	67	50
Gateshead	42	21	6	15	79	83	48
Crewe Alex.	41	18	8	15	56	52	44
Bradford	39	16	7	14	80	57	43
Stockport	42	18	7	17	58	60	43
Rochdale	39	15	10	14	63	53	40
Scunthorpe	41	11	17	13	51	52	39
Hartlepools	41	15	7	19	53	58	37
Chester	40	15	7	18	53	57	37
Wrexham	40	10	11	19	50	63	31
Oldham	40	14	7	19	65	64	35
York City	40	11	12	17	57	70	34
Shrewsbury	40	14	5	21	38	54	33
Darlington	40	11	10	19	53	72	32
Barrow	42	14	4	24	43	74	32
Halifax	41	10	10	21	48	68	30
Southport	42	11	8	23	47	68	30
Accrington	40	9	9	22	37	92	27
New Brighton	40	9	7	24	31	77	25

SCOTTISH DIVISION "A"

Hibernian	26	19	3	4	68	24	41
Dundee	29	15	7	7	46	29	37
Aberdeen	28	15	5	8	60	44	35
Rangers	27	15	4	8	57	32	34
Hearts	27	14	5	8	64	41	33
Partick	27	12	5	10	53	47	29
Raith	27	13	2	12	50	44	28
Motherwell	24	10	6	8	50	45	26
Celtic	26	10	5	11	43	39	25
East Fife	28	8	8	12	41	63	24
Third Lanark	28	10	2	16	37	48	22
Morton	28	9	4	15	41	55	22
Airdrie	28	9	4	15	40	62	22
Clyde	28	7	7	14	33	55	21
St. Mirren	28	7	7	14	30	51	21
Falkirk	29	7	4	18	34	70	18

SCOTTISH DIVISION "B"

Stirling	29	21	3	5	78	43	45
Queen O'S	28	18	2	8	62	34	38
Ayr	28	15	5	8	61	30	35
Dundee U.	29	13	3	10	76	56	32
St Johnstone	28	13	5	10	64	49	31
Queen's Park	29	12	7	10	53	53	31
Hamilton	28	11	7	10	60	48	29
Dumbarton	30	12	5	13	62	53	29
Albion	27	12	4	11	52	46	28
Dunfermline	29	12	4	13	58	71	28
Cowdenbeath	29	11	3	15	53	55	25
Kilmarnock	30	8	8	14	44	49	24
Forfar	28	9	3	16	41	66	21
Stenhousemuir	28	9	2	17	51	76	20
Arbroath	29	7	5	17	43	77	19
Alloa Athletic	27	6	4	17	54	90	16

X — mutilated.—Reuter.

Scottish League

London, Apr. 4.
With nearly all the interest centred in the international at Wembley, Scotland's League programme comprised three matches each in the "A" and "B" Divisions.

Relegation was the main issue at stake but the results did little to clear the air at the bottom of the Division "B" table.

Airdrieonians were rather unfortunate to lose both points against Hearts. They held a one-goal lead until 15 minutes from the close, but a late revival enabled Hearts to score three goals. Airdrie scored again, but they could not level.

There was a similar story at Methil, where East Fife fought back and shared six goals with Morton.

The play between Partick and Motherwell reflected the middle of the table position of the teams, a draw befitting a poor game.

Alloa Athletic still "flounder at the foot of Division "B" their defeat away to Queen's Park leaving them three points

Relegation Threat Eases For Huddersfield And Aston Villa

Wembley Stadium, Apr. 14.

Scotland beat England by three goals to two in their annual soccer international here today to wrest the championship from England.

England for most of the game played only 10 men, the inside-right, Wilf Mannion, being carried off and taken to hospital with a fractured cheek bone in the 13th minute.

For all that, England held the Scots in a magnificent first half which ended at 1-1. The second half, also played at a great pace, was another thriller and though Scotland won the match, the honours went to the 10-man England team.

The 100,000 soccer fans, including the Duke of Gloucester, saw a wonderful match. The Scots were inclined to be rough, and apart from Mannion's injury the game had to be stopped several times to patch up damaged English players.

Within a few minutes of the close, England should have had a penalty from which they would probably have tied the game, as they deserved to do.

Mortensen, who had played a brilliant game at centre-forward for England, was threatening the Scottish goal when centre-half Woodburn pulled him off the ball with his hands well in the penalty area. The referee, a Scot, waved the play on. This was a very bad miss for a referee of the international reputation of George Mitchell.

FIRST CLASS FOOTBALL

Playing on a pitch soft with recent rains and in a gusty arena, the class of football from the start was first class. It continued so to the end. Though one man short, the England team was never beaten and the Scots would have been pleased when the final whistle came.

Though playing only 10 men England was the first to score in the 27th minute against the run of the play for Scotland had previously missed several good opportunities. Hassall, Huddersfield Town inside-left, a new cap, got a brilliant goal.

Finney weaved his way through, put over to Mortensen, who passed the ball on to Hassall. The Huddersfield forward, dashing in, flashed a brilliant left foot drive into the far corner of the net from 15 yards at an oblique angle.

The Scottish equaliser, which came from Scotland's new cap, Johnstone, was also a fine one. Dashing into an open space for a forward pass by centre-forward Reilly, Johnstone easily beat Williams from close in.

The second half was only three minutes old when Scotland scored again. The same two players were concerned in the effort. This time it was Reilly who, cleverly taking the ball between his feet, pivoted round, dodged England's centre-half and shot splendidly into the net.

Scotland became 3-1 in the 55th minute due to an error by England's goal-keeper, Williams—the only error he made in a brilliant performance. Coming out of the goal, Williams misjudged the flight and Liddel, the Liverpool winger, fastened on to the ball and slammed it into the open net.

Though playing short, the steam had not gone out of the dashing English attack and 11 minutes later Finney scored a lovely goal. Mortensen lobbed the ball forward. The Preston player, now at inside-right, headed it down, beat the Scottish back, Cox, and flashed the ball into the net.

FEW CHANGES LIKELY

That was all the scoring, though until the whistle blew, England did not give up their bid to equalise. The experimental England side played extremely well under difficult circumstances and there are likely to be few, if any, changes for the next international with Argentina at Wembley early in May.

England's half-back line was magnificent. Johnstone, the Blackpool right half, played superbly and fully merited his recent award of the "Footballer of the Year".

The Portsmouth centre-half, Froggatt, whose previous games for England had been at outside-left, showed he was the centre-half for which England had been looking.

Captain of the side, Billy Wright, supported his line in his usual exemplary fashion. Though the forward line was a four-man show all four—Stanley Matthews, Stanley Mortensen, Harold Hassall and Tom Finney—played as well as they have ever played.

Hassall, the new cap, seems likely to stay for some time at inside-left. Apart from his wonderful goal, he played a stirring game.

The strength of the Scots lay in their attack. Johnstone, the new cap, apart from scoring one of the goals and having a hand in another, did very well, and little Reilly, his Hibernian team-mate, was a real thruster. Liddell on the left wing was also extremely dangerous. None of the Scottish halves nor defence had a particularly good match. They should not have allowed the forwards to pierce the holes in their defence that the Englishmen did.—Reuter.

LEAGUE PROGRAMME

Highlights of to-day's games

tween England and Scotland at Wembley, but several championship promotion and relegation struggles caused a great deal of interest.

The promotion and relegation issues were made a little clearer by the day's results. Tottenham Hotspur and Preston North End, leaders of the First and Second Divisions, were not surprisingly beaten and the Southern section pair, Norwich City and Nottingham Forest, maintained their intense rivalry with odd goal victories.

Rotherham United, on the other hand, took a great step towards promotion from the Northern section with an admirable win at Chester.

Tottenham were again beaten by their bogey team, Huddersfield, who had already defeated them in the Cup and in the League this season.

Manchester United made up ground on Tottenham by winning comfortably against West Bromwich, and with three matches to play they might yet overcome their four-point deficit.

Huddersfield, with five wins from their last six games, have now pulled themselves well away from the bottom of the table and they require only two points to be assured of safety. Their recent performances indicate that they will do this with ease.

While the tension relaxes slightly for Huddersfield and Aston Villa, who shared six goals with Portsmouth after being 3-1 down, there is no relief for Everton, Sheffield Wednesday and Chelsea.

A single goal at Bolton lifted Wednesday above Chelsea, who were beaten again at Derby. The recall of young Bobby Smith to the Chelsea attack made some difference but their poor shooting again cost them dearly, for they missed two splendid chances in the second half.

INSPIRED SUNDERLAND

Everton found Sunderland inspired by a Len Shackleton in top form and went down 4-0.

Preston clearly felt the absence of Tom Finney, who was playing for England, when they met Swansea where they lost their second successive match. After their all-conquering run of 14 games, the League II leaders have now taken only one point from the last three games and they still need a point to be sure of the Championship.

Their closest rivals, Manchester City, suffered a setback at Southampton, where intense second half pressure failed to prevent their first defeat in seven games.

This enabled Cardiff to come back into the promotion picture. There were few performances more meritorious in the day than their away win over Sheffield United.

Chesterfield and Grimsby seem doomed to go down. Grimsby lost a desperate struggle at Leeds and Chesterfield were no match for the spirited Brentford. McKenzie, the Grimsby inside-right, was ordered off the field towards the end at Leeds.

Although beaten by Hull, Bury need only two points for safety and Luton Town, who did well to hold Birmingham, need only to draw one of their last three matches to stay up.

SOUTHERN SECTION

The Southern section promotion struggle between Norwich and Nottingham Forest continues unabated. Both teams seemed to be feeling the strain in their matches against Reading and Bournemouth respectively but ended victoriously.

The hero of Norwich was their right-half, Don Pickwick, who after being off the field through injury, returned and scored the winning goal. Forest lost their right back Ware, who was injured five minutes from the end against Bournemouth.

Rotherham United were assisted by the defeat of Carlisle United at Darlington and they now hold a seven points lead in this Northern section although Lincoln City, who returned to second place, must still play them twice. Rotherham seem certain of Second Division status at last.

MANNION BULLETIN

London, Apr. 15.

inside-forward, who is in Wembley Hospital with a fracture of the right cheekbone, had a "very good night," it was stated today.

Mannion was injured in a collision with Billy Liddell, Scottish winger, during the England versus Scotland match at Wembley yesterday, when Scotland won by three goals to two.—Reuter.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Champion cyclist Reg Harris with the Sporting Record Trophy he won again on a poll for Britain's sportsman of the year for 1950.—Central Press Photo.

Greyhound Racing Can't Stand The 10 Percent Tax On Turnover

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Apr. 15.

Greyhound racing, one of Britain's greatest industries and amusements, is feeling the draught badly and several tracks may have to close down.

Officials say that the Government's 10 percent tax on turnover, imposed three years ago, is gradually forcing them out of business. Already two tracks, Oxford and Tamworth, in Staffordshire, have decided that they cannot carry on any longer and must close.

Others, said to be numbering more than a dozen, are wondering whether they can still keep going.

An official of the Greyhound Racing Society said recently: "No tracks, and particularly no small track, can afford to lose money for the privilege of becoming a Government tax collector."

WITH ENVY

All tracks are feeling the effects of the Government tax, which is levied on dogs but not on horses. Greyhound officials look with envy on the fine figures shown recently by the Racecourse Betting Control Board with its over £25,000,000 annual turnover.

"In 1946, it is claimed that £200,000,000 passed through the greyhound totalisators. After the imposition of the tax this had dropped to £85,000,000 by the end of 1949, while it is thought that when the 1950 figures are announced there will be a further fall.

The turnover tax has meant that punters usually get much smaller dividends than if they support their fancy with the bookmaker. While it is true that bookmakers are also taxed they can mostly afford to pay the tax out of their profits and not deduct a small percentage from the punter's winnings, though this they are entitled to do.

The result of this is that discouraged backers are not putting their money on the tote as they almost certainly would do if the tax did not operate.

ILLUMINATING

The figures of the Oxford track are illuminating. During the first 11 months of 1950 they paid the Government over £21,000 for the tote, over £9,000 for the bookmakers and over £4,000 in Entertainment Tax, that is, in all more than £35,000. Their receipts for the same period were £20,000. No wonder the track has had to close down.

There is no question of greyhound racing as a sport being on the down-grade as regards its attractiveness to the public. There have probably been no greater drops in attendances on these tracks than there have been at horse-race meetings.

It is that the dogs pay the 10 per cent tax. The horses do not. That, say greyhound racing officials, is manifestly unfair and is killing the sport.—Reuter.

Light Blues Beat Yale

Derby, Apr. 14.

Cambridge, the favoured crew, beat Yale University by more than four lengths today.

Cambridge won in a history-making inter-collegiate regatta over the windswept Housatonic River's ¾ mile course before 10,000 spectators.

The cloudy and cold weather held the crowd down to a fraction of the 30,000 expected to see the race.

The regatta opened Yale's racing season.

The British oarsmen, leading throughout, finished going away in 6:22.4. Yale's time was 8:38.

Cambridge's superiority was evident almost immediately and at the quarter-mile mark the Englishmen held a 1¼ length advantage.

It was two lengths at the mile mark and practically no contest at the finish.

The crowd gave the winners a tremendous cheer.

The victors were stroked by David Jennens. They rowed an average 33 strokes to one minute over the body of the course, while Yale kept a slower beat until the final marker.—Associated Press.

COPENHAGEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Copenhagen, Apr. 14.

The Danish International Badminton Championships went into their second day with afternoon matches at the "ABC" Badminton Hall at Amager in Copenhagen and the Badminton Hall at Oesterbro in Copenhagen.

In the second round of the men's doubles, Eddy Chong and E. L. Choong (Malaya) beat Kwell Nielsson and Bertil Joensson (Sweden) 15-6, 15-7; Ong Poh-lim and Ismail Bin Marjam (Malaya) beat Henning Nielsen and Carl Rathsack (Denmark) 15-5, 15-9.

In the quarter-finals of the men's singles, Wong Peng-soon (Malaya) beat Nils Jonsson (Sweden) 15-4, 15-14 after the Swede had taken a 7-2 and 14-11 lead in the second game.

Choong Hock-leng (Malaya) beat Ove Eierlsen (Denmark) 15-6, 8-15, 15-10 in a hard and long match.

Eddy Choong (Malaya) beat his compatriot, Ong Poh Lim, 15-12, 13-15, 15-10. Ong had led 13-5 and 10-5 in the second

NINE RECORDS IN WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Houston, Apr. 15.

New American and National AAU women's indoor swimming records were set yesterday by Lafayette, Indiana, swim club stars.

Carol Pence, 21-year-old Purdue University senior, broke her own 200-yard breaststroke American record and then saw her teammates set a new National mark in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Miss Pence had a time of 2 mins. 45 secs., three seconds better than her American record-shattering performance of a-year-ago.

The Lafayette relay team, anchored brilliantly by Betty Mullen, upset the favoured town club of Chicago, the defending champions, with a time of 4 mins. 0.7 secs.

This took 4/10ths of a second off the previous record set in 1944, by the Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland, Oregon.—Associated Press.

DR AARON WINS CROSS COUNTRY

Sheffield, Apr. 14.

Dr Frank Aaron, the England Captain and national champion, won the Festival of Britain international cross-country race over nine miles here to-day.

With five men occupying the first six places, England won the event with 25 points. Scotland were second with 93, Ireland third with 96 and Wales fourth with 132.

Dr Aaron's time was 51 mins.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIFTH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 28th April, 1951

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—$20.00) may be obtained at the Compradore Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at $2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby", scheduled to be run on Saturday, 12th May.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE OF THIS MEETING.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 27th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, Club's Branch Offices at:—

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
or
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

MEMBERS ARE INFORMED THE 1951 SETS OF MEMBERS AND LADIES' BADGES NOW SUPERSEDE THE PREVIOUS ISSUE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both offices at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3.00 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the present congestion in the Members' Betting Hall, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various entrances to the Members' Hall to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

BY ORDER,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 28th April, 1951, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 19th April, 1951.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby

Saturday, 12th May, 1951

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"PAKHOI"	Singapore	5 p.m. 17th Apr.
"YUNNAN"	Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 18th Apr.
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 18th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 22nd Apr.*
"FUNING"	Kobe, Yokohama & Nagoya	10 a.m. 24th Apr.
"HUPEH"	Tientsin	5 p.m. 24th Apr.*
"SHANSI"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 29th Apr.

* Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM

"HUPEH"	Tientsin	19th Apr.
"FUNING"	Indonesia & Tarakan	20th Apr.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 21st Apr.
"SHANSI"	Osaka	27th Apr.

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ARRIVALS FROM

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• "PROMETHEUS"	Sailed	—	21st Apr.
"AUTOMEDON"	4th Mar.	—	22nd Apr.
S. "BELLEROPHON"	21st Mar.	—	26th Apr.
"MARON"	31st Mar.	—	8th May
S. "ANTILOCHUS"	5th Apr.	—	9th May
G. "PYRRHUS"	13th Apr.	18th Apr.	20th May
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"BENCRUACHAN"	—— do ——	" 8th June

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"BENAVON"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull.	30th Apr.
"BENALBANACH"	Kobe, Yokohama, Nagoya & Otaru.	5th May
"BENVENUE"	Liverpool, Dublin & Rotterdam.	14th May
"BENLAWERS"	London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.	2nd June
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MacARTHUR GIVEN HERO'S FAREWELL

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up for General MacArthur's aides.

A guard of honour of 30 Americans, 10 from each Service and 30 Japanese police, jumped to present arms. A Japanese band played a slow march. Then a dozen American motorcycle escorts opened their sirens and the cavalcade moved off.

STREETS JAMMED

With red and white five-starred pennants snapping at its fender standards, General MacArthur's Cadillac moved into an avenue of half a million Japanese. They cheered, they bowed and they waved tiny American and Japanese flags all along the 10-mile route.

The Japanese had jammed the streets behind 5,000 American Army, Navy and Air Force guards and 10,000 Japanese police, almost one man for every two yards of the double-lined main highway out of the city to Haneda airport.

Sprinkling the route were painted wood and cardboard house signs bidding farewell. A typical one said, "Goodbye General MacArthur. We still love you".

Many Japanese began lining the route before midnight. Tokyo transport authorities laid on special bus, tram and train services to cope with the huge crowd.

"Sayonara Magensui", they shouted, as the former Supreme Commander drove past.

"Sayonara Magensui" means "Goodbye Field Marshal MacArthur. Magensui is a contraction of MacArthur's name and the highest Japanese military title "Sensui".

Twenty-five minutes after leaving the American Embassy the General was stepping briskly from his limousine at the airport. He wore a uniform raincoat with a tiny five-star circle on each shoulder.

He helped out Mrs MacArthur and saluted the Guard of Honour. Out of their cars also stepped Major Courtney Whitney, General MacArthur's chief aide and right-hand man, and his personal aides, Colonels Sid Huff, Harry Binker, Anthony Story and Charles Canada who are quitting Japan with General MacArthur.

Then massed Army and Air Force bands broke into "The General's March." With the first boom of the 19-gun salute, the entire gathering came to attention.

Above fluttered five flags—the United Nations' blue and white, the American Army, Navy and Air Force emblems and the General's own banner of five white stars on a red background.

The escort of 18 jets whistled low across the field with three B-29's thundering above them.

SLOW INSPECTION

General MacArthur stepped forward for a slow inspection of the Guard of Honour of 200 men. Also lined up was a Commonwealth guard of 50 men and two officers drawn mainly from the three Australian services but including representatives of all Commonwealth nations fighting in Korea and one Indian.

After inspecting the Colours of the American services, General MacArthur turned to walk slowly down a narrow roped off corridor between the civilian and military leaders and their wives.

Occasionally he stopped to shake a hand and speak a few words.

The entire Japanese Cabinet of 14 hurriedly recalled to Tokyo for the occasion, stood together in frock coats and top hats headed by the Prime Minister, Mr Shigeru Yoshida.

Near them were senior officers of all the United Nations commands including Lieutenant-General Sir Horace Robertson, administrative commander of all British forces.

General MacArthur's successor, Lieutenant-General Matthew B. Ridgway, waited at the top of the corridor near the steps to the plane to say goodbye to his old chief. Wives of dignitaries were in a separate enclosure, forming part of the corridor.

General MacArthur and his wife walked slowly through the corridor to the landing gangway up to the Constellation. He took a few steps up, turned an about face and saluted the now silent assembly. Then he turned again, strode into the aircraft while bands played "Aud Lang Syne".

The Constellation's engine roared into life, and the great aircraft circled slowly for the take-off.—Reuter.

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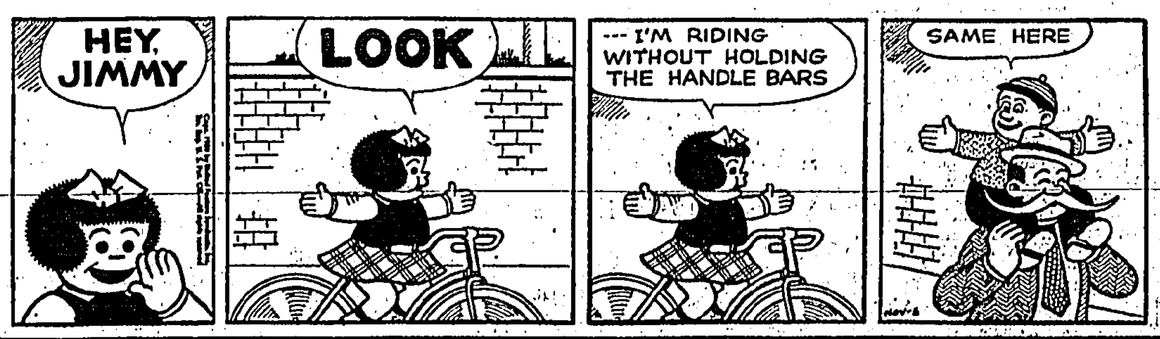

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Israel Is Willing For Settlement

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 15.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Dr Moshe Sharett, said in a press statement today that Israel would use every endeavour to settle the dispute with Syria by peaceful means and expected the same readiness on the part of the Syrian Government.

Syria and Israel have both laid before the United Nations Security Council their dispute over a demilitarised border area where seven Israeli policemen were killed 10 days ago.

The Israelis replied the next night with an air bombing raid on the Syrian positions.

United Nations sources gave the official casualty figures from the Israeli bombing raid as two women killed and six people injured.

The Security Council will consider the dispute on Tuesday at Lake Success. The incidents began when the Syrian Government charged that the Israelis had violated the Arab-Israeli armistice agreement by developing dredging operations in the zone.

They further accused the Israeli authorities of having forcibly removed a number of Arabs from the area. Israel replied that the dredging was done with the permission of the United Nations and was of no concern to Syria.

Jordan yesterday officially accused Israeli soldiers of violating the frontier for the third time this week. She said that they crossed the frontier line in the Latrun salient, 12 miles west of Jerusalem, on Friday.

Jordan national guards, who engaged a force of 12 soldiers for 22 hours, took a wounded Israeli prisoner when the force penetrated 100 yards into No Man's Land and fired on Arab farmers, the announcement from Amman, the capital of Jordan, said.—Reuter.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 18th April, 1951 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th April, 1951 or they will not be recognised.

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1951.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

Business was somewhat slow on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning, when transactions in the half day's trading amounted to $109,875.50. Noon closing quotations:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank ..	1340	1375	14 @ 1350
East Asia ..	103		50 @ 103
INSURANCES			
Union	720		
Underwriters	3½		
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav. ..	85c		
DOCKS, ETC.			
N. Pt. Wharf	4½	5.10	
Shat Dock ..	2.90		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ..	5.60		
HK Land ...	40		
UTILITIES			
Tram	11¾		1500 @ 12
C. Light (O)		6.30	2150 @ 6.15
C. Light (N)	3.50		
C. Light (B.)	5.80	6.10	1000 @ 6
Electric	23¾	24	1200 @ 24
Telephone ..	10¼		
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	10¾	11½	1000 @ 11
Rope		13½	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy XD ..	12¼	13	
Watson			500 @ 17.50
L. Crawford	24½		
COTTONS			
Ewo		2.60	

QUIET DAY ON COTTON MARKETS

New York Apr. 14.

Cotton futures today worked within an extremely narrow limit in quiet trading. Nearby May continued to be traded at the ceiling level of 45.39 cents a pound. Local selling and hedging operations met less aggressive trade demand. The continued slow demand for spot cotton, with the uncertain international situation, kept many traders on the sidelines.

The market opened unchanged to 6 points higher. At the close, the list ruled 14 points lower to 5 points higher. Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	46.06
May	45.39
July	44.71
October	39.72,
December	39.03
March (1952)	38.74
May	38.70-38.71
July	38.37
October	37.00

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

	Closing rate Apr. 14.
Spot	44.91
May	40.30
July	44.66
October	39.79
December	38.93
March (1952)	38.92
May	38.70
July	38.32 bid
October	38.02

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling not (per £)	15.85
U.S. dollars (per $1)	0.0225
Indonesia guilders (per 100) ..	3.20
Siam ticals (per 100)	27.50
Singapore (Straits)	1.76
FIC piastres (per 100)	13.75

BUDGET REFLECTIONS:

ECONOMISTS DOUBT IF INFLATIONARY "GAP" WILL BE BRIDGED

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 15.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's Budget proposals have been generally accepted as both sensible and fair. But if criticism has been slow in developing, it is not because the Chancellor's position is unassailable. On the contrary, the mildness of his Budget has implanted doubt in many minds.

The question is not so much whether the Budget proposals meet the double requirement of paying for defence and paying for the burden in the fairest possible way, but whether they go far enough to ensure that the country will be guided safely through the period of economic stress that lies ahead.

The confidence that the Chancellor places in his marginal adjustments in taxation to bridge this year's inflationary "gap" is not shared by all economists. His estimate that this "gap" will be in the order of £150,000,000 may be too conservative if rising prices do not have the desired effect of reducing domestic demand for consumer goods.

The Opposition have opened their attack along a broad front. They have, on the whole, accepted the Chancellor's proposals—though, no doubt, they will have a lot more to say about the increase in the tax on distributed profits—but they have very grave doubts about his assertion that no economies can be made in Government expenditure. Their argument is that economies simply must be made somewhere even if they cut across social services.

MARGINAL NATURE

Growing realisation of the country's economic plight has caused many people to wonder what will happen next year when the bill for defence will be even bigger. On this subject, Mr Gaitskell was significantly unforthcoming, though he gave notice that the initial allowance of 40 percent for income tax and profits tax on plant and machinery and 10 percent on industrial buildings, mines and oil wells must be suspended next year.

The marginal nature of his proposals is a clear indication of the difficulty he must have had in finding revenue to fill even this year's "gap." Next year, there will be that much less room for manoeuvre. Where will he then turn to find much the greater amounts that will be needed for the second year of the rearmament programme?

We are now so heavily taxed that any further additions would inevitably lead to inflation. Next year the Chancellor—whether he is a Socialist or a Conservative—will have to face this problem and produce the answer to it.

SAVING SOURCES

The need for rearmament is not disputed; therefore, cuts in non-defence expenditure cannot be delayed longer than a year. In which direction can those cuts be made?

Mr Gaitskell himself has pointed out the way by proposing a charge of about half of the cost of false teeth and spectacles supplied under the Health Service. The second source of possible saving is in Government subsidies on food and rent. If these cuts were made, they would lead to a general rise in the cost of living, but painful as this would be it might be preferable to the alternative.

The Budget had a mixed reception on the Stock Exchange. Investors were naturally dismayed at the increase in the tax on distributed profits from 30 percent to 50 percent, but on the whole their worst fears were not realised.

The increase in the distributed profits tax has been condemned as an attack on that section of the community which provides risk capital for economic enterprise, which may lead to a slowing down of industrial expansion. Having said this, however, investors immediately made a rush for more Industrial equities.

GREATER DANGER

The greater danger of the increase in the distributed profits tax lies in its possible effect on companies operating overseas. Some of them—particularly copper companies operating in Africa — have already transferred their headquarters overseas to escape high U. K. taxation. The incentive to do this is now much greater, and some companies may not postpone the decision much longer. Whether the Treasury would countenance a spate of applications for transfer of capital overseas is another matter.

If investors have their doubts about the wisdom of increasing the profits tax, they appear to be in no doubt about the inevitability of inflation. There was a surge of activity on the Stock Exchange on the day after the Budget. Investors were encouraged by the fact that this Budget contained no mention of compulsory dividend limitation, and also by the absence of any attack on capitalism.

STRONG FEATURES

There was a particularly strong demand for ordinary shares of companies whose dividends are well covered by profits. The Financial Times' industrial ordinary shares index spurted two full points on Wednesday, and by Friday it had risen by a further 1.3 points to its highest level for over three years.

There were falls of up to one point in Gilt-edged securities on the view that the Budget will still leave an uncovered inflationary "gap," and disappointment that the beer duty was not reduced led to a fall in Brewery shares, but elsewhere markets went steadily ahead.

The higher purchase tax on radios and television sets caused an initial marking down of Radio issues, but there was a quick recovery on the assumption that rearmament would keep order books well filled and more than offset any falling off of civilian demand.

Other strong features were Rubbers, Oils, Tins, Textiles, Chemicals, Plastics and Shipbuilding and Mining shares.

Removal Of Confusion Over Metals

New York, Apr. 15.

Much of the present confusion in the scramble for defence metals is expected to be removed by the government's new Controlled Materials Plan going into effect on July 1.

The plan, announced last week, applies only to steel, copper and aluminium. But these are so basic in manufacturing industries that most other metals will be controlled indirectly.

Under the new CMP, the national authority will parcel out steel, copper and aluminium to defence and essential civil industries to guarantee them the amounts they need.

Makers of non-essential consumer goods like automobiles, refrigerators, home appliances and so on will have to get their needs from what is left, probably on a percentage allocation basis depending on how much they consumed in some previous base period yet to be determined.

Metals producers, instead of being overwhelmed by individual defence priority orders, will at least know where they stand with regard to essential business.

Meantime, metals people are awaiting Government orders putting definite price ceilings on secondary metals, scrap zinc, copper, lead, nickel and aluminium. Many scrap prices under the general freeze order are above the ceiling prices for primary metals, a situation which has channelled scrap supplies away from traditional users like refineries and smelters.

Demand for all the major metals continued unabated. Substantial number of requests for copper were made to the NPA by consumers holding priority ratings. They want April delivery but have been unable to find the metal. Copper sales on producers' order books for April shipment already total around 100,000 tons, with May business at 25,000.—Associated Press.

TEXTILE MARKET UNSETTLED

New York, Apr. 15.

Worth Street activity in cotton-gray-goods simmered down to near the halting point this week.

Factors acting to shackle activity included the uncertainties generated by the removal of General MacArthur from the Far East command and disappointment in the long delay in issuance of the new Government price ceiling regulations. With the accent on peace rumours, producers and consumers backed away from the market.—United Press.

Rubber Futures In Singapore

Singapore, Apr. 14.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb.

April	192	-193
May	186	-187
June	180	-181
Number 2 rubber, April	164	-165
Number 3 rubber, April	176	-177
Number 4 rubber, April	170	-177
spot rubber, unbaled	192½	-193½
Blach crepe	180	-182
No. 1 pale crepe	200	-215

—United Press.

Small Car Attracts Americans

Detroit, Apr. 15.

The market for smaller automobiles is attracting more industry attention.

This is disclosed in Fords' announced plans to bring over its most recent British-built Consul model. It will try to better the sales achievements of its imported Anglia and Prefect models. Ford has built considerably more refinement into the Consul than was evident in the first of the smaller units it imported.

The new model is going to compete directly with Nash's Rambler and Kaiser Frazer's Henry J. cars. Nash and K-F report these smaller vehicles have been well received. K-F says much of a sharp sales upsurge last month and through the first quarter of 1951 was due to heavier demand for the Henry J. model.

Nash is reported planning another addition to the Rambler line this summer.

It must be noted that these smaller models are quality cars. They cannot be classified as cheap vehicles. Fully equipped, they cost fully as much as the lowest priced standard size models in the lower price field.

But they do offer high gasoline mileage and general operating economy obtainable in no other cars. Their smaller wheel base, too, is not overemphasised in appearance. Certainly it is not apparent to drivers or passengers.

In the recent economy trials the Nash Rambler entry covered 31.06 miles on each gallon of gas used. The Henry J turned up an average of 30.1 miles to the gallon. Ford reports the Consul model has done 37 miles to a gallon.

The Consul, of course, did not participate in the tough Los Angeles to the Grand Canyon economy run.—Associated Press.

INVESTORS RETURN TO WALL ST.

New York, Apr. 15.

Industrial stocks rose sharply this week and came within a shade of hitting a new 20-year high. The rise came after the brief convulsion when General MacArthur was dismissed.

Later development of Government plans to continue its giant defence effort for a long time, assuring high production and employment, turned many investors back to the market. They bought top-grade issues in the industrial section. Railroads also came back sharply, but were still well below their highs set earlier in the year.

The market of Friday, April 13, sent the industrial average up more than 3 points. Sales crossed 2,000,000 shares for the first time since March 15. Oils stood out as a star performer of the week and notted rather substantial gains. Railroads were higher. Automobile issues made one of the best showings with General Motors reaching a new high for the year. Chemicals rose sharply on Friday and closed the week with gains. Steels also advanced. Non-ferrous metals strengthened. Some building stocks made gains and selected farm implements were strong.—United Press.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Apr. 15.

Prices of grain futures closed here today as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel.	
Spot	2.47½
May	2.43½
July	2.46¼-⅜
September	2.50½
December	2.53½
Corn	
Spot	1.63
May	1.52¾-⅞
July	1.55¼-½
September	1.57½
December	1.72½
Rye	
May	1.96½
July	1.97½
September	1.92½
December	1.94½
Oats	
May	86¼-⅝
July	92¾
September	90¼-½
December	93½

New York flour—per 100 lb. sacks $13.30.—United Press.

R.J.L.

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

● SINGAPORE JAVA PORT and MACASSAR

	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"VAN HEUTSZ" *	In Port	18th Apr.
"TJITJALENGKA"	27th Apr.	1st May
"TJIWANGI"	11th May	17th May

* also calling at Penang & Belawan Deli.

● MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA and SOUTH AMERICA

	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TEGELBERG"		13th May
"TJIMENTENG"	7th May	
"TJIKAMPEK"	17th May	

● JAPAN

	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TEGELBERG"	11th May	
"TJIMENTENG"		10th May
"TJIKAMPEK"		19th May

Agents: HOLLAND EAST ASIA LINE

● EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA

	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"ALMKERK"		22nd Apr.
"LANGLEESCOT"	21st Apr.	13th May
"ARENDSKERK"	18th May	Mid. June

Through B/L issued to Mediterranean and Northern European Ports.

● JAPAN

	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"ALMKERK" †	20th Apr.	
"LANGLEESCOT" †	11th May	25th Apr.
"ARENDSKERK" †	Mid. June	24th May

† via Manila.

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Business Expansion In America Hitting New Record Pace

New York, Apr. 15.

Business and industry went with production and expansion plans this week, ignoring the possibility of peace moves and the prospect of stiff material controls.

There was a re-awakening of bullish tendencies on the New York stock exchange. Automobiles were rolling off assembly lines at an increasing rate:

Crude oil production was at a record high. Steel mills topped their theoretical capacity for the sixth straight week although the rate was down slightly from the previous week. There were some dark spots in the picture; workers in several sections were idle due to labour troubles or conversion or business declines which were partly seasonal.

Meanwhile, leaders in business and industry paid little attention to political moves or diplomatic manoeuvres as they stuck to their job of supplying the nation with materials.

They just would not be quoted, for instance, on the effects of the removal of General Douglas MacArthur or the belief of British officials that this improved chances for peace with Red China.

Most of them thought any forthcoming peace talks would have only minor effects on the defence economy.

Even a negotiated peace in Korea, they added, would not interrupt the huge rearmament programme.

RAPID SWITCH

The stiffer controls announced by the National Production Authority, they said, simply emphasise the increasingly rapid switch from a civilian economy.

The NPA's Materials Control Plan, similar to one used during World War II, becomes effective on July 1. It will detour scarce steel, copper and aluminium to defence and essential civilian needs.

The indications are that the entire economy is being geared for quick conversion to a war footing if and when the need arises.

In the same voluntary manner that industry employed after the start of Korean hostilities, the nation's manufacturers needed no urging this week to continue their high production.

Federal Reserve Board figures attested to the fine record. Industrial production climbed to a new post-war high in March, the Federal Reserve said.

It reached 223 per cent of the 1935-39 average, compared with 221 per cent in January and February and 218 per cent back in December.

The total production of all goods and services in the first quarter jumped to an annual rate of US$314,000,000,000, a US$10,000,000,000 gain over the final quarter of 1950.

Only about one-fourth of the increase was a result of real output, however. Government economists said inflation caused the rest.

FOOD PRICES

Inflationary factors were very much in motion during the week, but there were also some deflationary factors in evidence.

Dun and Bradstreet's wholesale food price index levelled off after three successive declines. Retail meat prices in New York were reported unchanged for the third consecutive week.

Consumer spending was reported about unchanged despite widespread sales.

The Federal Reserve Board, which reported on the first week in April, said Department store sales fell below the year ago level for the second consecutive week.

Sales in that week dropped nine per cent under a year ago in contrast to an average gain of 14 per cent during the Jan. 1-April 7 period. — Associated Press.

American Shipping Tonnage Up

Washington, Apr. 15.

The National Federation of American Shipping reported today that 40 ships were added to the privately-owned United States merchant fleet during March.

The additions brought the total fleet to 1,295 vessels of 16,350,000 deadweight tons, including 839 dry cargo and combination ships of 8,674,000 tons and 456 tankers of 6,791,000 tons.

The March increase included the transfer of 40 dry cargo ships and six Liberty tankers from the Federal Maritime Administration to private ship owners. In addition, "one newly-built "super tanker" was added and one over-age dry cargo ship was removed from United States flag documentation. As of April 1, 17 Maritime Administration vessels were under sales contracts to private operators but titles had not yet been transferred, the Federation said.

It also reported the national defence reserve fleet decreased in March from 1,691 to 1,629 vessels. War-built dry cargo and combination vessels in the fleet decreased from 1,640 to 1,797, of which 1,403 are Liberty and 85 are Victory type ships.—United Press.

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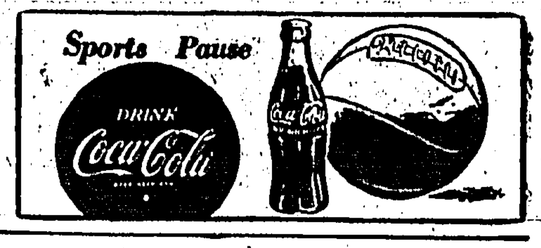


Mail Notices

Registered articles and parcel mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail. When mails close on Sundays or before 10 a.m. on any other day, registered articles and parcel mails close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Post Office one hour earlier than the G.P.O. closing times.

MONDAY, APRIL 16
By Air

Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Formosa, Okinawa, 5 p.m., N.W.A.L.
Siam, Malaya, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17
By Air

Formosa, 10 a.m., via, C.A.T.
Siam, 5 p.m., P.O.A.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface

Macao, 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m., ss Yu Men/Tak Shing.
China, Peoples Republic, 9.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Formosa, 9 a.m., ss Wing Sang.
Philippines, France, 10 a.m., ss Nagara.
Malaya, Indonesia, 2 p.m., ss Van Heutsz.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 9 a.m., via P.A.L.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 9.30 a.m., C.P.A.
Formosa, 10 a.m., C.A.T.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Indo-China, 5 p.m., Air France.
Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface

Macao, 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m., ss Yu Men/Tak Shing.
China, Peoples Republic, 9.30 a.m., tram via Canton.
U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America, 1 p.m., ss George Luckenbach.
Japan, 2 p.m., ss Yunnan.

Seeks Treaty Revision

Paris, Apr. 15.

Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, has raised the question of a revision of the Italian peace treaty in letters to M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, usually well-informed sources stated tonight.

These approaches, which were described as "purely private," are understood to have dealt mainly with the military clauses of the treaty and those concerning Trieste.

The Italian Government has, however, made no official approaches to either Britain, the United States or France about a possible revision of the treaty, these sources added.—Reuter.

Tito Under Doctor's Orders

Belgrade, Apr. 15.

Marshal Tito left Belgrade on his doctor's orders for medical treatment today.

The Communist Party newspaper, and Belgrade Radio, reported his gall bladder illness in a single sentence.

Marshal Tito contracted influenza about a month ago. He took a short rest but has been unable to shake off its effects.

One of his last acts before leaving the capital today was to send a telegram to the British Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, expressing his "sincere condolences" in the death of Mr Ernest Bevin.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

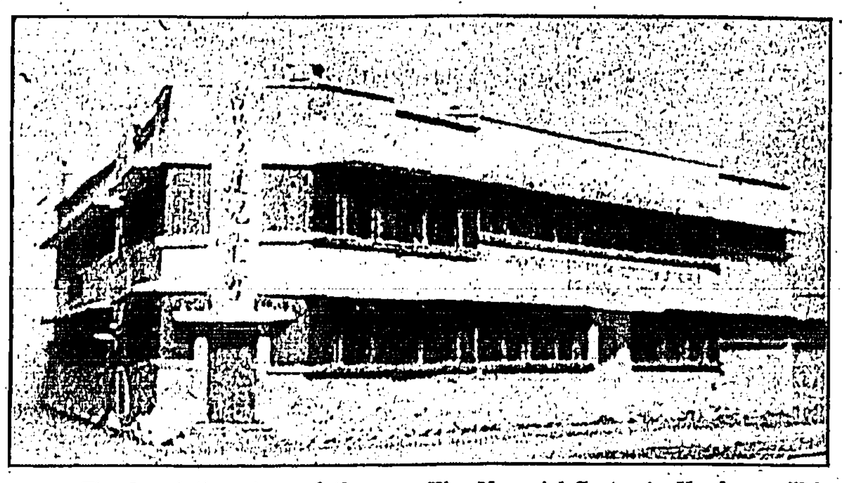
H.K.T.
6.00, Programme Summary; 6.02, Children's Quiz: Conducted By Yvonne Charter and Anthony Cutcher. (Studio); La Salle College v Diocesan Girl's School; 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour. (Studio); 7.00, Polkas and Minuets; 7.15, "The Price Of Peace" A Special Series Of Talks Presented By United Nations Radio. No. 2: General Carlos P. Romulo, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Republic Of The Philippines; 7.30, London Studio Melodies. (BBCTS); Peter Yorke and His Orchestra with Doreen Lundy and Alan Dean. (BBCTS); 8.00, World News and News Analysis. (London Relay); 8.15, Visions Of The Future. The Quiet Life. A Talk By Stephen Potter. (BBCTS); 8.30, "I Like What I Like" Presented By Valerie Waters. (Studio); 9.00, "From The Editorials" (Recorded London Relay); 9.10, Weather Report; 9.11, "Bligh Of The Bounty" A Serial In Eight Parts By Rex Rienits. (BBCTS); Episode 1: "Bound For Tahiti"; 9.45, "Concerto"; 10.15, Chanson Francaise; 10.30, Marek Weber and His Orchestra; 10.45, Dance To Geraldo and His Orchestra; 11.00, Radio News Reel. (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.29, Weather Report; God Save The King; 11.30, Close Down.

Thanks Expressed

The Chairman and Executive Committee of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association wish to express their grateful thanks to Messrs A. S. Watson & Co. for the very generous gift of 2,700 drinks.

The Committee also wish to express their gratitude to all who helped in connection with the Association's Flower Day held last Saturday.

New War Memorial Centre For Kowloon



The foundation stone of the new War Memorial Centre in Kowloon will be laid this afternoon by H.E. the Governor. Here is a photograph of an artist's impression of what the new centre will look like when the building is completed.

New AOC Due On Wednesday

The new Air Officer Commanding, Hongkong, Air Commodore D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, DFC, is expected to arrive on Wednesday afternoon. He has been in Singapore for the past week.

Air Commodore Bonham-Carter piloted his own plane out from the United Kingdom, and will fly it up from Singapore.

SHELTERED FROM WINDS

Pleading that they took shelter in the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter yesterday afternoon because of strong winds, 15 junk owners were fined $15 each by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning for mooring in the shelter without permission when no typhoon signal was hoisted.

Defendants and their junks were Chan Kit, M71F; Leung Choi, 57V; Lai Kwai, 877V; Leung Kwai-ching, 433V; Fan Sam, 325V; Lo Lam, 449V; Lau Yee, 259V; Ho Lai-hoi, 348V; Li Chung-kwai, 157V; Chan Tai, 330V; Ho Tai-se, 1807V; Choi Cheng, F1191HC; Fok Luk-shui, 326V; Fok Hai, 203V; and Ng Pak-hai, 850V.

PRISON FOR PICKPOCKET

Chau Tong, 19, unemployed, arrested for pickpocketing, was sent to prison for six months and recommended for banishment by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning. He had been here for only two months and had no relatives, no work and no means of support.

The defendant, it was stated, picked the pocket of a pedestrian in Shanghai Street on Sunday night but was seen by another pedestrian who raised the alarm. While being chased the culprit threw the $90 to the ground and it was recovered. Chau was intercepted by Police and arrested.

Hardoon Building Action

Court Decides On Jurisdiction

Decision on the point of law of jurisdiction of the Supreme Court was given by the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, this morning in the action concerning the Hardoon Building in Shanghai.

The question of jurisdiction was raised by Counsel for the Defence in the course of the hearing, which commenced last Wednesday. His Lordship this morning held the Court had jurisdiction.

The Court then adjourned, and the action will be continued on April 23, 24 and 25, when the case for the Defence will open.

Plaintiff in the action is Jen Dao Chen of 28, Repulse Bay Road, who is seeking a declaration from the Court that the defendant, David George Hardoon, of 48, Repulse Bay Road, had agreed to sell the property to him for HK$65,000.

Appearing for the plaintiff are the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

Defendant is represented by Mr John McNeill, KC, instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist.

Mr McNeill, appearing for the Defence, submitted on Thursday that the Hongkong Courts had no jurisdiction to deal with the action which involved immovable property situated in a foreign land. The parties concerned were not British Subjects, he added.

In his decision on the point raised by the Defence, his Lordship said: In this case the plaintiff claims a declaration that the defendant has sold or agreed to sell to him property being land and premises situate in Shanghai, and further asks for accounts and enquiries and for payment of any money so found due.

The defendant claims that the transaction was a mortgage and not a sale or any agreement for sale and in the alternative, that if the transaction were a sale or an aggreement for sale, it was unfair and should not be enforced.

The documents of which construction is sought have been put in evidence and it has been proved that the land and premises the subject matter of the transaction are in Shanghai.

Counsel for the Defendant however has also raised the Defence that as the transaction relates to foreign land, this Court has no jurisdiction and has based this contention on the judgments in the Companhia de Mocambique v. British South Africa Co. and other authorities.

In effect Counsel urges that the principle laid down in that case is clear and that while there is case law which appears to encroach upon the principle that once the title to foreign land is involved the Court has no jurisdiction, yet these authorities whether based on a contractual relationship or otherwise, do not go so far as to suggest jurisdiction where the exercise of that jurisdiction must decide a question of ownership of foreign land.

Counsel for the Plaintiff has argued that where there is inter alia a contractual relationship between the parties there is ample authority that the Courts will exercise a jurisdiction in personam and has cited authorities in support.

Dicey 6th Edition page 145, in the Comment over Exception 1 to Rule 20, puts the proposition as follows: "Yet where the Court has jurisdiction over a person from his presence in England.....the Court has jurisdiction to compel him to dispose of or otherwise deal with his interest in foreign land so as to give effect to obligations which he has incurred with regard to the land" and cites in support of this proposition many of the authorities which have been cited in this case.

I am of opinion that, having regard to these authorities, the proposition is not too widely put and I adopt it.

In this case the transaction was entered into in Hongkong and both plaintiff and defendant are before the Court, there is a contractual relationship between them and I hold that this Court has jurisdiction.

170 Pounds Of Tainted Pork

For possession of 170 pounds of tainted pork, Chan On, 54, and Lau Nui-on, 42, both coolies, were each fined $250 or two months by Mr Latimer at Central this morning.

Insp. W. Gillies, prosecuting, told the Court that at about 6.20 p.m. yesterday, a call "999" was made by an unknown Chinese male that fighting was taking place at No. 9 Hau Wo Street, first floor. On arrival, the Police found no fighting but instead the carcase of a pig weighing 170 pounds, in tainted state. The two defendants who were present were arrested.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"They're both telling the little guy what a big deal he has—I'll fire to one he gets the check!"

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Not necessarily. The lightness does not refer to tonnage but to the size of the guns carried. 2. Delight. 3. Wellington. 4. A rain cloud. 5. Damascus. 6. On the southwest coast of India, belonging to Portugal.

HK's Last Days Not Visible

Says Visiting US Journalist

Mr Alfred Kay, Features Editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, does not consider the last days of Hongkong have arrived.

(The Saturday Evening Post recently published an article titled "The Last Days of Hongkong" in which the author speculated on the probable fate of the Colony in the light of the present international tension.)

Mr Kay, who is now in Queen Mary Hospital being treated for serious injuries sustained when he was knocked out of a rickshaw by a car, says he saw enough of Hongkong during his first week to satisfy himself that the suggestion the Colony is "doomed" has no foundation.

Short of war, he told the China Mail, he is quite confident of the Colony's future. Our defence measures he considers are excellent, and he is impressed with the general contentment of the Chinese living in Hongkong.

EASY TEMPTATION

Mr Kay pointed out that it is much easier to create a sensation about conditions here than to report that all is quiet—a temptation into which those correspondents who write in the strains of "The last days" obviously have fallen.

He said that American public opinion is misinformed about many areas in the Far East.

Scenically, Mr Kay thinks Hongkong is a wonderful place—it reminds him somewhat of San Francisco. And he has a high opinion of our food which, he says, is not only excellent in quality and variety, but is much cheaper than in the United States.

Mr Kay is in Hongkong in consequence of being awarded an Ogden Reid Fellowship. This entitles him to choose a foreign field for journalistic research and he selected the Far East. When he has recovered from his present indisposition he plans to visit Siam, and to take in England on his way home.

Film Premiere For St James Club

A gala premiere of the film, "Passport to Pimlico" is to be held at the King's Theatre on Wednesday at 9.30 p.m., and the proceeds will be given to the St James Club, Wanchai.

With the help of Toc H and the Social Welfare Officer, St James Club was founded in 1949 as a refuge for destitute boys and girls, and was affiliated to the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association.

The Club started in a small way, securing the use for a few hours each day of a room in the Taoist Pak Tai Temple in Stone Nullah Lane. Here the boys are taught building and electrical repairing, while the girls learn sewing and decorating. There are now over a hundred members, with a long waiting list.

The Executive Committee have recently launched a Building Fund with a view to providing a permanent home for the Club, as part of a Social Settlement for Wanchai. The first stage of the building programme is the erection of a Nissen Hut, on a site in Kennedy Road, which has been given by Government. It is hoped to raise the balance of the money required for this stage through the Gala Premiere. The building programme will be carried forward as further funds are raised, until a fully established community centre is realised. The total cost is estimated at $107,000.

Tickets for the Gala Premiere are on sale in the foyer of the Hongkong Hotel between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. and at the Peninsula Hotel between 4.30 and 6 p.m. They may also be obtained on application to Mrs O. Skinner, c/o St John's Cathedral Office, Garden Road.

Action Requested

The Hongkong British Industries Fair Committee wishes to issue an urgent reminder to those passengers who have booked seats on the two special planes carrying visitors to the British Industries Fair, and who have not yet paid their fares or collected their travel documents, that they must do so within the next 48 hours.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Economy; Friendly; Austria; Margaret Rumsale; London Express Service.

HK & WHAMPOA DOCK MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock, Co., Ltd., was held in Queen's Building this morning. It was a purely formal meeting to adopt the report and accounts and to carry out other business, the chairman's speech having previously been printed and circulated to shareholders.

Mr H. Kadoorie, the chairman, proposing the adoption of the report and accounts said:

Before I deal with the business of this meeting I wish, on behalf of your Board of Directors, to refer with deep regret to the death of the late Mr S. T. Williamson which occurred suddenly on 5th September, 1950, while he was on a recuperative holiday overseas. As you know, he had been very actively concerned with the Company during the difficult post-war period, and it is largely due to his forcefulness, business ability and foresight that the Company is today restored to its prominent position in the Colony. He had served as a Director since 1934 and as Chairman since 1947.

The Report and Accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period and I will, with your permission, take them as read.

This year your Directors decided to include an explanatory with their Report and Accounts, which takes the place of the customary "Chairman's Speech". I hope this new method, which is the usual practice in the United Kingdom, meets with your approval; also that you found it useful during your examination of the accounts.

Mr E. Abraham seconded the proposal.

It was proposed by Mr A. M. Braga and seconded by Mr Yip Kwai-chung that the Hon Sir Man-kam Lo and Mr D. C. Miller be re-elected to the Board of Directors and that Messrs J. R. Mullion, C. D. Slade, R. Gordon, H. J. Jebsen and J. H. Hamm be elected as members of the Board, and that other changes in the constitution of the Board which had occurred during the year be confirmed.

Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., were re-elected auditors on the proposition of Mr J. R. Lawrence, seconded by Mr L. Kadoorie.

The following were present: Mr H. Kadoorie (Chairman), Sir Man-kam Lo, Messrs R. Gordon, J.H. Hamm, H.J. Jebsen, D.C. Miller, E.B. Moller, J.R. Mullion and C.D. Slade, (Directors), Mr A. Storrar, (Chief Manager), Mr W.T. Grimsdale, (Secretary) and the following Shareholders, Messrs L. Kadoorie, Wong Chi-po, Chan U-fan, Lo Koon-kan, Ip Kwai-chung, J.N. Anderson, E. Abraham, Mok Ying-ide, A.M. Braga, Hudson Chen-wood, A.P. Jessen, R. Murray and D. Black (representing the Auditors).

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, held this morning unanimously decided to increase the Directors' fees to $4,000 per annum and an extra $2,000 to be paid to the Chairman of the Board.

The proposal was made by Mr H. Kadoorie and seconded by Mr R. Murray.

182 Hawkers In Court Today

One hundred and eighty-two unlicensed hawkers who were arrested during the week-end in Kowloon were each fined $5 or 10 days by Mr Wicks at Kowloon this morning.

In the Juvenile Court, 118 juveniles were each fined $2 by Mr Oswald Cheung for similar offence.

Borrows Motor Cycle: Crashes

Lance-Corporal S. L. Wilson, 25, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, was fined $130 and ordered to pay $350 compensation by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning when he pleaded guilty to charges of driving a motor cycle without a licence, careless driving and taking the machine without the consent of the owner.

It was stated that the charges were brought as a result of a traffic accident at 3.30 a.m. on Sunday in which Wilson sustained injuries.

Wilson, who had to return to his Camp in the New Territories, took motor cycle 652 parked in Nathan Road and drove it. He crashed against a traffic island at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Nathan Road and sustained head and other injuries. He was taken to hospital for treatment but was not detained.

The Police took the machine to the Government Land Transport and it was estimated that damage amounted to $350. The owner had not been identified up to this morning.

The defendant's senior officer said that Wilson had been in the Army for ten years and had a good record. He took the machine because he wanted to get back to Camp in time.

The Magistrate, in imposing the penalty, said that he took this mitigating circumstance into consideration.

BIG EFFORT BY YWCA

The Hongkong YWCA is busy preparing for its annual bazaar which will be held on May 25 and 26 at 38C Bonham Road. The proceeds from the sales will go directly to subsidise the association's welfare projects which include a nursery school for children of poor working mothers and five night schools for illiterate factory girls.

In order to make the bazaar a success, the YWCA is mobilising the entire force of its members to contribute things created by their own hands, at the same time, appeal to firms and factories for donations of samples and goods for sale. It is hoped that the public will give it their whole-hearted support.

Jap Here From Canton

Yamada Kazuo, 27, mandarin-speaking Japanese, was expelled by Mr Latimer at Central this morning for illegal entry. He was ordered to be committed to the House of Detention for two weeks pending repatriation.

According to the prosecution, defendant surrendered himself to the Immigration Office stating that he came from Canton and had no friends in Hongkong. He asked to be sent to Japan.

New Mechanised Fishing Boat To Be Designed For HK

A special committee of Chinese fishermen and technicians is now being formed to advise on the best type of vessel for the Colony's proposed fishing fleet.

An official informed the China Mail that the new committee will meet in the near future to design a mechanised boat best suited to local fishing conditions.

The existing fishing junk has been little altered in design since first constructed centuries ago and is not considered suitable as a power-driven vessel.

A petrol-consuming outboard motor is the only form of mechanical propulsion which can be adapted to junks and because of fire hazards this has been officially barred.

It is learned that the new committee will prepare a preliminary report on the proposed mechanisation plan by the end of June.

The China Mail was informed that there has been a steady mechanisation of Long Liners. Most of them are motor propelled and together with trawlers are operated by private enterprise.

At the moment the trawler fleet consists of 27 vessels, 15 of them being former Japanese schooners.

The whole mechanised fleet at present amounts to 110 vessels.

FROM THE FILES
100 Years Ago

Piracy Sequel

The case denominated Piracy, mentioned in our last issue, to be tried afresh on Wednesday, resulted in a verdict of "Not Guilty." This trial affords a striking commentary on the difficulties besetting the administration of justice in this Colony, and evidences the necessity for an immediate change in the law for regulating our petty Juries, by substituting the majority of a jury of nine, for the present mischievous system of requiring the verdict of an unanimous six.

The circumstances bringing about the case under consideration are detailed in our issue No. 16 of February 22 last. Three Piratical Boats attacked on February 19, a Passage boat near Green Island, plundered her and wounded the people on board. On information laid, Commodore Ma gave chase to the pirates and pursued them into the bay of Aberdeen (Shek pai-wan) where, on the 20th, they returned broadside for broadside until, to close the matter, they, the pirates, hove their guns over board, and to the number of a hundred made in a body for the shore.

Going on board Commodore Ma's flag ship (boat) on the day of the engagement, we observed some half a dozen long gowned Celestials seated in chairs on the deck, very gravely discussing matters of apparent importance, and it now appears that the purport of that discussion was how to find the guns, which the pirates had thrown overboard, the possession of which would give Commodore Ma a much better chance of obtaining the button he wanted than the fifteen prisoners he had got safe under hatches. According to the evidence of witnesses for the defence, the three prisoners who were charged with being part of the crew who committed the piracy off Green Island, were engaged by one Kwong-lung to fish up the said guns; Kwong-lung said he had known the prisoners for a long time, and so said the Tepo, and so said one or two other Chinese gentlemen, whose names we could not catch, but whom we identified as some of the party on board the flag boat on the day of the engagement.

Held By The Tail

Against this evidence aided by an alibi, distinctly sworn to by Kwong-lung there were the depositions of three of the parties, who had been robbed. Fook-ling a Coolie on board the "Alligator" Hospital Ship, swore that one of the prisoners was the man who robbed him when the passage boat was boarded, and he identified one of the others also, as having belonged to the Piratical Crew. Wong Kang-foo a salt fish dealer identified the prisoner which the preceding witness had not, and swore that he had been held by him, by the tail, whilst one of the others rifled him. Amoo a Trader also identified two out of the three (At the Police Court when his eyes were bad from the recent burning by the stink pot thrown on board, he admitted that he identified all three of the prisoners. Hop-Wo the master of the boat, also recovering the sight of his eyes could not identify the prisoners he at first swore to acknowledge of.) Police Constable Ranger deposed to having taken one of the prisoners a little way from the Village of Aberdeen, a second on board a boat near to a landing place, and the other in another boat, apparently hid beneath the hatch-way.

His Honour the Chief Justice in charging the Jury said that it remained for them simply to determine which evidence they attached the most credence to, the evidence on one side was, apparently equally as strong as that on the other. Such being the case the Verdict of "Not Guilty" resulted as a matter of course.

We left the court before the case was brought on the previous day, but it appears that so little credit was given by the first Jury to the witnesses for the defence, that they were unanimous for convicting two out of the three; and as regarded the first, for whom the obstinate juror stood out, it was a singular circumstance that the very alibi he believed was retracted on the following day; the witness, first having sworn to his (the Prisoner's) having been on board his boat all the day on the 19th inst. at Stanley, whereas on Wednesday he admitted that he had on that day sent him over to Aberdeen to collect debts.

We would recommend the Police authorities to look well after Mr Kwong-lung. His tale that the prisoners were in his house at dusk of the evening of February 19 looked very much like a made up one. It is not necessary to tell all our readers that piratical boats might leave Shek pai-wan at half past five, commit a piracy off Green Island within sight of our men of war, at six, and be back to their homes, on shore, before eight. That the prisoners are brothers no physiognomist will believe.

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